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Chirac trails but wins Barre endorsement; Le Pen vote unexpectedly high

Mitterrand in sweeping first round victory

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

The run-off in the French presidential election on May 8 will pit M François Mitterrand against M Jacques Chirac.

Within minutes of the polling booths closing last night, computer projections for the first ballot gave the President about 34 per cent of the vote, while his conservative Prime Minister scored slightly below 20 per cent.

The centre-right candidate, M Raymond Barre, was put in third place with 16.5 per cent, followed by M Jean-Marie Le Pen, the candidate of the extreme right, who surpassed *perhaps* even his own estimations with 14.4 per cent.

At a *joint* conference moments after the first projections were announced M Barre strongly recommended his first-round supporters to switch their votes in the run-off to M Chirac.

At first glance, M Mitterrand has not performed exceptionally well. But he will draw considerable comfort from the three-way split on the right. Most observers consider that he had to score between 33 and 35 per cent to survive a combined challenge from the right.

New Caledonia violence 8
Photograph 8

Among the minor candidates, the official communist, M Andre Lajoinie was unable to prevent a further plunge in the party's vote, finishing with about 7 per cent, halving the Communists' vote of *1981*. The suprise was the strong showing of M Antoine Waechter, representing the Ecologist Party, *who appears to have* 3.6 per cent.

In spite of the *lack of* any deep political divides between *the main contenders*, the overall turnout, at approximately 83 per cent, was slightly higher than after the intensely ideological campaign of 1981. This was particularly true of the big cities. Paris, Lyons, Marseilles, Bordeaux and Toulon. all reported significant increases *in turnout*.

Glorious spring weather throughout much of France brought voters to the polling booths earlier and in greater numbers than in the first round seven years ago.

Good-natured queues were soon building up outside polling stations around the country — *although not in* the tiny community of Darney-aux-Chenes in the Vosges, where a fire at the municipal office forced 38 people to cast their votes in an urn at the entrance to the mayor's house.

All the leading candidates had voted before lunchtime, accompanied by the inevitable swarm of journalists. As usual, M Mitterrand and his wife, Danielle, cast their vote at Château-Chinon, the small town in central France where he once served as mayor, before heading back to Paris and the start of the count.

M Chirac and his wife, *Bernadette*, went to vote at Sarran, in the Corrèze, where they own an elegant château. "I'd love to stay down here in this weather, but I've got things to do back in my office," M Chirac said before departing for Paris.

In his beloved Lyons, M Barre was warmly received when he joined midday voters at a school. Then it was on to church, with a private lunch afterwards. *The* self-styled "outsider" in the race, *M Le* Pen cast his vote in the 15th Arrondissement in Paris after a minor problem caused by him having forgotten *the* required identity card.

● **Poll violence:** Political tension on three fronts — New Caledonia, Corsica and Lebanon — added a sombre note to the elections. In New Caledonia the regional and French presidential elections were marked by a series of incidents in spite of the heavy French security presence (Susan MacDonald *writes*).

Road blocks were set up in various areas by pro-independence Melanesians to protest at *local elections*, *which* they boycotted. Several gendarmes were shot and injured, and in a few remote areas the authorities decided not to open polling stations for fear of a repeat of Friday's attack on a gendarmerie headquarters on Ouvea island, in which three gendarmes were hacked to death and another died later.

Armed Kanak villagers laid siege to a second police outpost in New Caledonia last night as their leaders threatened reprisals *against 27* gendarmes already held hostage *after Friday's* incident.

A mob of more than 100 pro-independence Kanaks surrounded the police station at Tadine, on *the outer island*

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Men with a mission: M Chirac, left, in Sarran, and President Mitterrand, at Château-Chinon, casting their votes in the first round of the election yesterday.

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Cup win for Luton

Luton Town won the Littlewoods Cup at Wembley yesterday when they defeated *Arsenal 3-2 with a last-minute* goal from Brian Stein. Arsenal, who also missed a penalty, were leading 2-1 with nine minutes to go before Danny Wilson and Stein secured Luton's first major trophy.....................Page 38

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Threat of sanctions over Budd dropped

**By John Goodbody
Sports News Correspondent**

The implied threat to bar British athletes from competing at the Olympic Games in Seoul has been withdrawn by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) in the latest twist in the saga of *Miss Zola Budd*.

The British Amateur Athletic *Board, which* yesterday decided to set up a three-man inquiry *into* the eligibility of the South African-born runner, confirmed that the final version of the resolution of the IAAF council, which was passed nine days ago, did not contain any threat to suspend Britain.

The IAAF, the athletics world governing body, originally issued a statement recommending that Britain *should consider* a 12-month suspension of Miss Budd, otherwise "the council will have to consider exercising its suspensive powers against the BAAB."

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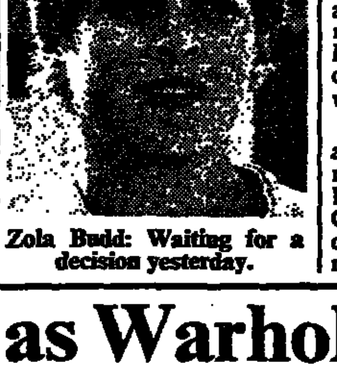
But a later version, which was given to the board last Tuesday but only became public yesterday, reads: "The council has decided that the *(board) be required to exercise* its responsibility in this matter and take appropriate action."

The board has extended the month's deadline given by the IAAF for suspending Miss Budd, instructing the inquiry to report on May 21. The inquiry will centre on whether Miss Budd took part in a cross-country event in Brak*pan, South Africa*.

And the board has asked the *former* world cross-country champion not to take part in any competition.

Mr John Bryant, Miss Budd's coach, said: "Zola and I welcome any inquiry which gets at the truth."



Zola Budd: Waiting for a decision yesterday.

Thatcher under pressure

Ministers seek benefits deal to head off rebels

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government is poised to make concessions this week in an attempt to pacify a growing number of Conservative backbenchers who are concerned about the new social security benefit system.

With another large backbench revolt expected in the Commons tonight on the third reading of the community charge Bill, ministers are to attempt to persuade the Prime *Minister that significant* changes are needed to head off a damaging rebellion on an opposition motion on Wednesday criticizing the new housing benefit rules.

Mr John Moore, *Secretary* of State for Social Services, is understood to have accepted the case for raising the £6,000 savings limit above which pensioners lose their benefit.

However, before it can go up to the £10,000 figure for which Conservative MPs have been calling, Mr Moore will have to convince Mrs Margaret Thatcher and the Treasury that such a key change, *which will cost £70 million*, should be made so soon after the system was introduced. He will be making his case at meetings today and tomorrow.

Conservative MPs pressing *for concessions believe they* have an important ally in Mr John Major, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury who is involved in discussions with social security ministers about the effects of the new rules.

Mr Moore and his two social security ministers, Mr Nicholas Scott and Mr Michael Portillo, who have been at the receiving end of the Conservative anxiety, were yesterday studying anomolies thrown up by the system.

The Conservatives still have a *5 per cent lead over Labour*, according to the latest opinion poll published yesterday. A Harris poll in *The Observer* put the Tories on 44 per cent, Labour on 39, the Social and Liberal Democrats on 10, and the SDP on 5 per cent. The findings were a boost to the Conservatives *after last* week's Gallup poll which gave Labour a 1 per cent lead.

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Last night, a senior govern*ment source said it highly* likely that concessions would be announced during the debate but that their extent would depend on this week's meetings.

Concessions being consid*ered this week include* raising the income threshold at which people start losing benefit, a change in the rule highlighted by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, and which would stop the social security department disregarding the value of a house up for sale *while calculating entitlement*, and the restoration of some payments to the disabled.

It was unclear whether Mrs Thatcher or the Treasury would go along with raising the capital savings limit which Conservative MPs have criticized for penalizing the *thrifty*, but anything less is unlikely to be enough to *satisfy those who have* been voicing concern.

Mr Robert McCrindle, Conservative MP for Brentwood *and Ongar, said: "Unless I get* some indication from ministers that they are prepared to move on that cut-off I shall probably vote with the opposition".

A handful of others could follow him, and it is probable that a larger number will abstain. Although the revolt will not be large, it is the fact *that some Tories* are considering the unusual step of *withholding support on* an

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P&O set to sack striking seamen

By Tim Jones

As P&O European Ferries prepared yesterday to break the back of the three-month *strike by resuming* cross-Channel services from Dover, members of the National Union of Seamen were accused of threatening the children of employees who have accepted new terms and conditions.

The allegation, by Mr Graeme Dunlop, came as the company announced that employees who have not signed will now receive their dismissal notices in Tuesday morning's post, "thus severing *all conections with the company*". From today the company will advertise nationally to fill the other vacancies.

Kent police, who are investigating the allegations, have also drawn up plans to deal with a threatened mass picket of the port directed against crewmen and officers who have agreed to man vessels from Rotterdam, where they have been berthed since the strike began.

The first of the ferries from Rotterdam could arrive in Dover later this week and today members of the French communist-led CGT union are expected *in the port* to

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Lawson revives sterling dispute

By Philip Webster and David Smith

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, yesterday revived his dispute with the Prime Minister over exchange rate policy.

Mr Lawson rebuked Mrs Thatcher for public statements on the pound *last* month and repeated his reluctance to see sterling rise further.

His *comments*, with an all-party committee of MPs due to back the Prime Minister's line in a report out today, seem certain to turn the spotlight back on the high-level rift over the pound.

Although Mr Lawson said the argument was now "behind us", *his remarks in a* BBC television interview *raised* further questions about the long-term relations between the Chancellor and Mrs Thatcher.

In his first detailed comments on the row, Mr Lawson said on *This Week, Next Week*: "It was unfortunate that the thing was discussed as *much as it was in public*. These are market sensitive matters. It is not sensible for these matters to be discussed in public."

The Chancellor made clear that he did not want to see the pound rise above its present level of just below $1.90, and DM3.16, although he refused to say whether the Government *is operating an exchange* rate target.

"I certainly do not want to see the exchange rate appreciate further," he said. "I think that it would be, as I have said on a previous occasion, an unsustainable appreciation which does nobody any good and is damaging for business and industry."

Treasury officials have made it clear that base rates

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BA cuts fares on some Euro routes

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Airways is today cutting fares on some European routes by up to 25 per cent in a move which could spark a price war and put Europe's liberalization plans to an early test.

The reductions, which affect only the cheapest available seats and not business class, will go on *immediate* sale to passengers wanting late bookings to 19 European cities from Gatwick. Fares from Heathrow are unchanged.

BA says it is making the cuts to fill empty seats, to focus attention on Gatwick and its new north terminal and to test European resolve to *allow* cheaper fares to be introduced within the EEC.

Rivals see it as a cynical *attempt to* meet competition now being offered by Air Europe and others from Gatwick and to present a good competitive face before a series of hearings to share out former British Caledonian routes start at the Civil Aviation Authority this week.

Flying BA from Gatwick to Paris now costs £65 instead of £86. The lower fares are available for six weeks, for a maximum stay of three days. *They* must be paid for and used within two days of *purchase*.

Mr Charles Powell, marketing director of Air Europe, said last night: "It is clearly a gimmick and a very short-term offer designed to answer criticisms that British Airways is not interested in reducing prices from Gatwick.

Although it is virtually certain the Civil Aviation *Authority will approve* BA's cuts, attempts to block them may be made in Europe, where air fare liberalization is not an important political issue."

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Pop go the prices as Warhol mania grips sale

**From Charles Bremner
New York**

After the world-touring roadshow, the videos and the $95 catalogue, Warholmania seized Sotheby's New York sale room this weekend as a fevered crowd bid far above estimates for furniture, jewellery and *kitsch that belonged to* the late pop artist.

The first days of the 10-day sale of Warhol's vast hoard, which spans *everything* from Mirós to Fred Flintstone watches, turned into a high Mass of consumerism that would have delighted the artist.

The New York auction proved a perfect platform for those in search of their 15 minutes of celebrity. In particular, American television and newspapers hoisted a 19-year-old Londoner into media stardom simply because he paraded up and down the aisles sporting a black sequined suit and a huge *mohawk hair style*.

Pursued by a posse of photographers and cameramen, Mr Matt Belgrano handed out postcards of himself, saying he was a British media celebrity. "Andy and I ... we've got this similar crave for fame," he said.

On Saturday, the hammer of Mr John Marion, Sotheby's American boss, *banged down on $5.3 million* (£2.8 million) worth of sales of art deco and art nouveau items, more than twice the house's most optimistic expectations. A 1930 gold, silver and enamel ring by Jean Despres, for example, went for $28,000 after an estimate of $1,800 to $2,500.

British and French dealers were among the top bidders in the international crowd at the *Manhattan sale*, the biggest such event in the collec*tion-mad 1980s and the launching pad* for a worldwide boom in Warhol memorabilia that is expected to beat anything the living artist achieved.

Mr Stuart Pivar, a friend of the artist, said after the Saturday bidding frenzy that Warhol's possessions were in fact his art. "He was the master of understatement that packs a wallop." *But even the very capitalist Wall Street Journal* hinted its distaste for the imminent merchandising of Andy Warhol. "Get ready for the many people who will be trying to make much money off a dead man giggling down from pop-art heaven," it said.

The profit from the 10,000 items in the Sotheby's auction will go towards the Visual Arts Foundation to which he directed *the bulk of his estate*. It is estimated to be worth about $100 *million, one of the largest* for an American artist in history. Warhol died after surgery at the age of 59 early last year.

The auctions end on May 3 with the sale of contemporary masters, including Jasper Johns, Roy Lichtenstein, Man Ray, Jackson Pollock and Cy Twombly.

While the experts try to decide whether Warhol was a great artist or a clever publicist and designer, the Warhol industry is swinging into high gear. There are Warhol home videos, film festivals, books, bedsheets, and Warhol-designed watches selling for $13,500 (£7,100).

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Heritage saved for the children

By John Goodbody

The Inner London Education Authority will not be going ahead with the disposal of 1[illegible] large playing fields in and around the capital, including large sports centres in Walthamstow, Southall and Edgware.

This heartening piece of news follows articles in *The Times* about the lack of use of several of these sites by schoolchildren and fears that before the demise of ILEA the sites will be sold and eventually used for housing development.

Neil Fletcher, the leader of ILEA, said yesterday that he had the backing of the chairmen of the Schools and Development Committees and also Bernard Wiltshire, the Deputy Chairman, for Monday's Labour Group Meeting which will discuss an ILEA report's recommendation that these playing-fields should be sold.

Fletcher said: "A short-term cash crisis should not be solved by disposing of these sites, which are valuable assets to Londoners. We want no one to look back in 20 years time and remember ILEA as the organization which disposed of these grounds."

Fletcher termed the playing fields as part of the "heritage" of London sport and wants them preserved, although ILEA itself will cease to exist when the local boroughs take over educational responsibilities for the capital in 1990.

Long-term look at facilities

He agreed that ILEA has more playing-fields than its schools need and that they are often in the wrong place. Wadham Lodge, Walthamstow, Warren Farm, Southall and Prince Edward, Edgware, which have all been given a reprieve, have been [illegible] used in the past by London's schoolchildren, who have been bussed out from the capital.

But because of the cost inefficiency of this practice and because of the restrictions of funding from central government, all these playing fields have been used less in recent years.

Fletcher now proposes that ILEA, the office of Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, the Central Council of Physical Recreation, the Sports Council and the London Playing Fields Society should jointly have a long-term strategic look at outdoor facilities for Londoners. This would include the use of both public and privately-owned facilities for the community as a whole.

Peter Lawson, the secretary of the CCPR, said: "This is a real breakthrough. It is great news for London sport. If ILEA wishes to develop [illegible] of community use we at the CCPR, we will use every influence to attract private sector funding."

Weekend access to satellite centres

The London region of the Sports Council argues that the original purpose of these sports centres to provide youngsters with recreation facilities should be retained. It says that the centres should not necessarily revert to the local boroughs, in which they are situated and which are often better furnished with playing fields, but to the inner London authorities.

What is essential is that these playing fields are used and continue to be used by as many people as possible, whatever their future ownership is decided. The lesson of [illegible], a former ILEA sports centre in Ewell, must not be repeated elsewhere in the capital. Applications to buy the site from the London Residuary Body finally closed on March 25, after the 90 acre site had lain unused for years, despite frequent attempts by local clubs and individuals to obtain access to the lavish, publicly-owned facilities.

Similar playing fields should not be allowed to be lost to property developers [illegible] ILEA does. In the past, the centres have helped develop the talent of such people as Daley Thompson and [illegible], Linford Christie and Wendy Hoyte.

They have also provided ordinary children with pleasure and satisfaction in what a recent ILEA report on physical education [illegible] subject. "These facilities can surely continue to play a similar role in [illegible]

NEWS ROUNDUP

Left wing revolt over Ford deal

The moderate leadership of the engineering union will seek to head off a revolt in its ranks today as left wing members condemn the single union deal it signed with Ford for a £40 million plant at Dundee as "divisive". At the union's conference at Eastbourne, the hard liners will try to instruct the leadership never again to sign an agreement with Ford which is outside the national "blue book" covering union recognition, wages and conditions at all the company plants. According to the left, the single union deal, which has precipitated a crisis within the TUC, has created "disunity".

Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, and Mr Bill Jordan, president, will strongly defend the deal which collapsed when other unions, led by the Transport and General Workers' threatened their members would refuse to handle products from Dundee.

Last week, Mr Jordan said: "There can be no turning back. If there is another Dundee next week, we will do the same again."

Father unrepentant

A Birmingham man this week meets one of his two daughters whose marriages he arranged without their knowledge or consent eight years ago. Mr Muthana Muhsen, of Sparkbrook, said yesterday that he was not apprehensive about meeting his daughter, Zana, aged 23, who returned to England from the Yemen at the weekend after divorcing her husband and leaving behind her son, Marcus, aged 18 months. He said he had no regrets about arranging his daughters' marriages. His other daughter, Nadia, aged 22, who has two children, may return after a campaign by their mother, Miss Miriam Ali, to bring her daughters home. The sisters were forced to marry the sons of their father's friends after he sent them on holiday to the Yemen in 1980.

Benn plea to unions

Mr Tony Benn, whose hopes of becoming leader of the Labour Party have been rebuffed even by Yorkshire miners, has written to general secretaries of all unions affiliated to the party appealing to them to consult their membership before deciding which candidates to support. No candidate for the leadership can hope to succeed without the backing of the unions, which control 40 per cent of the electoral college. So far, Mr Benn faces the prospect of going to the party's conference in October, when the results will be announced, without the support of a single union.

Train rescue exercise

Five months after the King's Cross Underground station fire, London's emergency services were at work below ground again yesterday in an exercise, rescuing passengers from a train which had "broken down" more than 20ft beneath the Thames. It was designed to test British Rail staff and the emergency services. About 250 people were in the train which had come to a standstill at 1.30pm about 1,000 yards from Bank station on the Waterloo-City line, commonly known as the Drain. The Department of Transport has asked all transport systems involving underground travel to practise rescue procedures in the wake of the King's Cross disaster.

Prison babies plea

Women prisoners with babies should have as much opportunity as practicable for contact with the outside world, the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders said yesterday. Three prisons have mother and baby units. Miss Vivien Stern, director of the association, said: "It is even more important to question the justification for imprisoning most of these women in the first place."

Mothers and Babies in Prison (National Associaion for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, 169 Clapham Road, London SW9 0PU; free).

Frozen fish controls

Consumers will soon be able to compare the weight and contents of frozen fish packets when the Government introduces tighter controls on glazed and coated fish products, according to a fish retailing survey. Manufacturers will have to show minimum fish content, type and weight if the product is ice-glazed. Breadcrumbed fingers should contain at least 60 per cent fish, battered fingers 55 per cent.

Irish favour Thatcher

The Irish rank Mrs Margaret Thatcher as their third most admired person in the world, according to a marketing survey opinion poll. With 7 per cent of the votes, she comes just behind the Pope (25 per cent) and Mother Teresa (16 per cent), and she beats Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, who registered only 1 per cent, into eighth place.

Air-miss reports 'were alarmist'

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Mr Christopher Tugendhat, chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, will reply tomorrow to criticism of Britain's air traffic control system in an effort to restore air passengers' confidence, dented recently by worries about near misses between aircraft.

Mr Tugendhat will tell a select committee of MPs that evidence they have received from the unions representing controllers is largely out of date and alarmist.

He will give new figures showing that the number of near misses is still falling in spite of a big increase in air traffic.

A simulator for trainee air traffic controllers to use is also to be installed at the West Drayton air traffic control headquarters.

The lack of such a simulator was one of the main criticisms contained in a written submission sent to the committee by the Institute of Professional Civil Servants.

The union has said that near misses are increasing, and that many are not reported because controllers fear "reprisals" may be taken against them.

The union says that the skies of Britain are full but that they will become even busier as traffic increases, and adds that too few controllers are being recruited to cope with it. They also allege that much of the equipment the hard-pressed controllers have to work with is old and liable to break down.

Mr Tugendhat is angry at what he regards as allegations which, if not wrong, are outdated and irresponsible.

He will tell MPs that the CAA is spending £200 million on new radar and other equipment; will have a simulator working at West Drayton by the end of this year; is training more staff; and will continue to limit the number of aircraft arriving in Britain through "flow control" while a new method of guiding them into the heavily congested London area is perfected.

One of his main attacks will be aimed at the union leaders who claim that many air misses are not reported. He will say that controllers and pilots both have a legal duty to report such incidents, and that, if they are not doing so, they are not only preventing action from being taken to ensure the incident is not repeated, but breaking the law into the bargain.

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Whitehall names names in EEC business drive

By Michael Dynes

Whitehall's faceless bureaucrats are finally on their way out, victims of the Government's drive to prepare businesses for the abolition of all trade barriers in the European Economic Community by 1992.

Civil Servants' names, telephone numbers and areas of expertise are being given out to anyone who has a question about the impending arrival of the European single market.

This unprecedented exercise in open government comes after months of planning by the Department of Trade and Industry and the telephone marketing company Teledata, which runs the DTI's "Europe Open for Business" telephone hotline.

DTI officials say this is the first occasion on which the names and telephone numbers of government officials have been made available to the public.

About thirty mandarins from six departments, Trade and Industry; Health and Social Security; Transport; Agriculture; Customs, and the Home Office, are participating in the campaign.

Teledata, a subsidiary of Air Call Holdings, is a dynamic young company, located in modest offices in Colindale, north-west London, and desperate to dispel the tacky "double glazing" image of telephone marketing.

Mr Michael Hope, the company's sales director, said with numerous telephone advertising successes under its belt, Teledata approached the Central Office of Information last autumn to explain the attraction of the revolution in telephone marketing.

The approach came just as Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was looking around for innovative ways of bringing his "Europe Open for Business" message to Britain's indifferent business community.

The company convinced Lord Young of the technique, and Teledata was hired for the job. It

promptly bought the telephone number required for the campaign — 01-200 1992 — from a local resident for a sum that appears to be one of the DTI's most closely-guarded secrets.

Six months later, Teledata's pool of 50 highly-trained staff are now working round the clock to answer questions on everything from the abolition of customs posts to the European Commission's proposals for cross-frontier competitive tendering.

Since the 1992 hotline was established in March, Teledata has fielded more than 8,000 calls, most of which have come in the wake of the DTI's £5 million television advertising campaign, last week.

The impact of the commercials is so instant and overwhelming that Teledata has to be given advance warning of their broadcast times in order to increase staff levels, ready for a flood of telephone calls.

Mr Julian Forshaw, Teledata's marketing manager, said in spite of the occasional callers complaining about having to bother with all this "Euro-stuff," the vast majority of callers are eager to find out how the single market legislation is going to affect them.

Most inquiries are dealt with on the spot with the assistance the DTI's 1992 business information packs, and its new computerized database, Spearhead. The database, according to Lord Young, is unique among EEC member states.

Callers requiring more specialist advise are then given the names and telephone numbers of the Government's Whitehall experts on the changes, who have hitherto been shrouded in a carefully cultivated anonymity.

● A new Labour Party approach to the EEC will be signalled today by Mr Neil Kinnock as he launches a campaign to get a better deal for Britain from membership.

He is speaking at the launch by Labour's Euro MPs of a funded £750,000 campaign, funded by the European Parliament, to bring "commonsense to the Common Market".

The Labour leadership now accepts EEC membership as a reality and regards withdrawal as inconceivable.

The shift in position will be confirmed by a Labour policy report to be put to this year's conference by a review group headed by Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow Foreign Secretary.

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Survey shows most poll tax rebels are 'regular grumblers'

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

The Conservative whips have been working overtime again seeking to contain yet another Tory rebellion on the poll tax tonight when the Local Government Finance Bill makes its final appearance before heading for the Lords.

The rebellion will not be as big as that on the "ability to pay" amendment introduced last week by Mr Michael Mates. But it could be substantial.

Does the poll tax rebellion, after those the week before on government proposals to charge for eye tests and dental checks, mark a new development in Tory politics? Has it brought a new corps of Tory MPs into conflict with the Government or has it merely provided a new opportunity for a core of regular rebels?

The Times has examined the detailed record of the more important rebellions since the Thatcher Government came to power.

The table below covering 14 of the more important occasions on which Tory MPs have voted against their own government, shows which causes have been embraced by those MPs who have joined the rebellion on at least three occasions.

The table would seem to support the claims of Tory whips that the poll tax rebels on the Mates amendment were mostly "regular grumblers". Of the 38 concerned in that rebellion, 22 figure in this list of "habitual offenders".

Mr Mates and Mr Michael Heseltine did not vote against the Government on any of the other 13 occasions noted here.

Top of the rebel list, with nine appearances in the key rebellions selected, is Mr Robert Hicks, MP for Cornwall South East. Ironically, he was once a Conservative whip.

Equal second are two Staffordshire Tory left wingers, or "wets", Mr Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire) and Mr David Knox (Moorlands) with eight rebellions in the 14 votes.

Sir Ian Gilmour (Chesham and Amersham) scores seven in spite of having been in the Cabinet and unable to rebel from 1979-81.

The list of rebellions is not exhaustive. There is a cadre of Tory MPs for example, who lose no voting opportunity to demonstrate their distaste for the Common Market.

The columns listed in the table below show those who voted against the Government on the following occasions:

A Mates Amendment in last Monday night's poll tax debate; B report stage of Health and Medicines Bill last week imposing dental check charges; C vote in same debate for eye test charges; D vote in January on attempt by Tory backbencher, Mr Richard Shepherd, to reform the Official Secrets Act. Nineteen Tories voted against, 50 abstained; E occasion in January when Government's majority dropped to 42 when 16 Tory MPs voted against the Government's failure to up-rate child benefit;

F Second Reading of Local Government Finance Bill imposing the poll tax on December 17 last year when 17 Tories voted against and 15 abstained; G Government defeat by 14 votes in April 1986 on Second Reading of the Shops Bill to reform Sunday trading. Sixty-eight Tories voted against, about 10 abstained;

H February 5, 1986, 11 Tory MPs including Mr Heath voted against Government's approval for General Motors and Ford to move in on British Leyland; I revolt by county Tories in January 1986 when redistribution of rate support grant in favour of inner cities penalized the shires. Thirty-two Tories voted against, at least 20 abstained:

J October 23, 1985, 16 Tories voted against increase in British contributions to EEC budget; K angered by Cabinet decision to push through 46 per cent increase in top people's pay, 48 Tory MPs voted against an order increasing the Lord Chancellor's salary and 40 more abstained. Majority of more than 140 dropped to 17.

L Eighteen Tories voted with the Opposition on March 13, 1985, on proposals to restrict spending by local authorities of receipts from council house sales. About thirty abstained; M Nineteen Tories including Edward Heath, Sir Ian Gilmour, Francis Pym and Geoffrey Rippon, voted against the Second Reading on April 12, 1984, of Bill paving way for abolition of the GLC; N July 13, 1982, Government's majority sank to eight when Tory rebels sought to stop unemployment benefit being taxed unless a 5 per cent cut in benefit rate was restored.

The Prime Minister is opposing the creation of a fresh batch of Labour peers to increase the party's frontbench strength in the Lords (Philip Webster writes).

Labour leaders are arguing that the party needs reinforcements if it is to perform its proper role, with the Lords entering a critical period during which it will consider the most contentious Bills in the Government's programme.

They are arguing that Mrs Thatcher, as a defender of the place of the Lords in the constitution, is duty-bound to to take their claims seriously.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, is full of praise for the work of his spokesmen in the Lords, but they have been under increasing pressure in recent months, and Labour leaders say they need at least six new "working" peers by the end of the year.

The Conservative strength in the Lords is put at 447, with Labour at 125. Labour sources say that of that number at least 10 are aged and infirm and unlikely to be able to return to the House.

Government sources said yesterday that Mrs Thatcher had a good record over creating working peers, but that there was no sign of her agreeing to a further list at present.

WHEN TORY MPs VOTED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

(Blobs indicate vote against)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Robert Hicks (Cornwall SE)	●	●	●	-	●	-	-	-	●	-	●	●	●	●
Patrick Cormack (Staffs S)	●	●	●	-	-	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	●	●
David Knox (Staffs Moorlands)	●	●	●	-	-	●	-	-	-	-	●	●	●	●
Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Selly Oak)	●	-	-	-	-	●	●	●	-	-	●	●	●	-
William Benyon (Milton Keynes)	●	-	-	-	-	●	●	-	●	-	●	-	●	●
Sir Ian Gilmour (Chesham/Amersham)	●	-	-	●	●	●	-	-	●	-	-	●	●	-
Sir Charles Morrison (Devizes)	●	-	-	-	-	●	-	-	●	-	-	●	●	●
Elizabeth Peacock (Batley & Spen)	●	●	●	-	●	-	●	-	-	-	●	-	-	-
Sir Peter Tapsell (Lindsey E)	●	-	-	-	-	-	●	●	●	-	-	-	●	●
Denshore Dover (Chorley)	-	-	-	●	-	-	●	-	-	●	●	●	-	-
Hugh Dykes (Harrow E)	●	●	-	●	●	-	-	-	●	-	-	-	-	-
Edward Heath (Old Bexley/Sidcup)	●	-	-	●	-	●	-	●	-	-	-	-	●	-
Robin Squire (Hornchurch)	●	-	-	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●
Jonathan Aitken (Thanet S)	●	-	-	●	-	-	-	-	-	●	●	-	-	-
David Gilroy Bevan (Yardley)	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	●	-	-	●	●	-	-
Michael Carttiss (Gt Yarmouth)	-	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	●	-	●	-	-	-
Julian Critchley (Aldershot)	●	-	-	-	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●
Sir Philip Goodhart (Beckenham)	●	-	-	-	-	●	●	-	-	-	●	-	-	-
Alan Haselhurst (Saffron Walden)	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	-	-	●	-	●
Chris Hawkins (High Peak)	-	●	●	-	-	-	●	-	●	-	-	-	-	-
Sir Barney Hayhoe (Brentford/Isleworth)	●	●	●	-	-	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jim Lester (Broxtowe)	●	-	-	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Madel (Bedsfordshire Sw)	-	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	-	●
Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (Tiverton)	-	●	●	-	-	-	●	-	●	-	-	-	-	-
Sir Anthony Meyer (Clywd NW)	●	-	-	-	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	-
Cyril Townsend (Bexleyheath)	●	-	-	-	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	●
Sir Richard Body (Holland with Boston)	-	-	-	●	-	-	●	-	-	●	-	-	-	-
Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton SW)	-	-	-	●	-	-	-	-	-	●	●	-	-	-
Michael Clark (Rochford)	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	-	●	-	●	-	-	-
Peter Fry (Wellingborough)	-	●	●	-	-	-	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Gorst (Hendon N)	●	-	-	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	-	-	-
Ken Hargreaves (Hyndburn)	●	-	-	-	-	●	-	-	-	-	-	●	-	-
Dame Jill Knight (Edgbaston)	-	●	●	-	-	-	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michael Latham (Rutland & Melton)	-	-	●	-	-	-	●	-	-	-	-	●	-	-
Tony Marlow (Northampton)	-	-	-	●	●	-	-	-	-	●	-	-	-	-
Richard Shepherd (Aldridge-Brownhills)	-	-	-	●	-	-	-	-	-	●	●	-	-	-
Roger Sims (Chislehurst)	-	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	-	-
Teddy Taylor (Southend E)	-	-	-	●	-	-	●	-	-	●	-	-	-	-
Peter Temple Morris (Leominster)	●	-	-	-	-	●	-	-	●	-	-	-	-	-
Patrick Thompson (Norwich N)	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	-	●	-	●	-	-	-
Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield)	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	-	-	-	●	●	-	-

Van Gogh for market

Van Gogh's "Adeline Ravoux', for sale in New York (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

There was a crowd in blue jeans as opposed to pin stripe suits at Christie's in London yesterday.

They were spending their Sunday afternoon paying tribute to the latest masterpiece by Van Gogh to come on the market: his portrait of Adeline Ravoux, the 12-year-old girl who watched him die. The painting is in London until tomorrow as part of a tour of the world, before being sold in New York on May 11.

The painting was acquired by its anonymous vendor for £1.1 million in 1980, so the sale appears to be an exercise in cold-blooded investment. All four most expensive works of art yet sold at auction are by Van Gogh, the most outstanding during the past year being his "Sunflowers" (£24 million) and his "Irises" (£30 million), and the owner has clearly decided it is time to reap the rewards. But, at $15 million (about £7 million) the estimate is modest. "We haven't seen a Van Gogh portrait come up for sale since the "Sunflowers" made such a quantum leap in prices", Michael Findlay, of Christie's New York said yesterday. "So it is difficult to decide on an estimate."

For some weeks, he has been travelling around the world, business class, with the painting, which measures 28in by 21in. "She travels in a crate, taking up two business class seats", he said. "You cannot expect people who are purchasing in this league simply to look at an illustration in the catalogue."

The painting's subject was the daughter of the proprietor of the Ravoux Inn at Auvers-sur-Oise in France. Van Gogh, or "Monsieur Vincent" as she called him, stayed there before he committed suicide in the summer of 1890. The girl, who died in 1964, left a dramatic account of events.

According to her, the artist shot himself among the beloved wheat fields he had often painted, and then fainted. Some time later, the cool evening air revived him and he crawled back to the cafe at dusk and died there two days later.

The picture — one of three versions by the artist — shows Adeline in profile at a gangly, awkward stage, and in her Sunday best. Van Gogh apparently thought she was a good four years older than she was, and emphasized a mannerism of clasping her hands which became progressively more distinctive as she grew older.

"Dressed in blue", she wrote, "I sat in a chair. A blue ribbon tied back my hair, and since I have blue eyes and he used blue for the background of the portrait, it became a symphony in blue." It is not clear how much the painting's pigment has altered in the intervening century, but today, it has creamy highlights on the tip of her nose and lips, as though she has just eaten an ice cream.

Archer buys the Playhouse

By Andrew Billen

Mr Jeffrey Archer, businessman, politician, novelist and playwright, yesterday added theatre owner to his list of activities.

At a wine and shepherds pie reception, Mr Archer disclosed he had paid nearly £1 million for a 60 per cent stake in the Playhouse Theatre in Northumberland Avenue, central London. The remaining shareholders have been advised to hold on, as Mr Archer is expected to make a success of the venture.

Mr Archer said: "It is my fourth attempt to buy a theatre, but unlike other people who want to own a theatre at all costs, I wanted to find one where there was a real possibility of making a return on the investment.

"It happens also to be the most beautiful of the four I looked at."

He has appointed Mr Lee Menzies, producer of his West End hit *Beyond Reasonable Doubt*, managing director and Lord Havers, former Lord Chancellor, chairman of the new board.

The 800-seat theatre, which opened in 1906 was taken over by the BBC in 1951 and for 25 years was the home of radio comedies such as *The Goon Show*.

When the BBC left, the theatre was unused for 10 years. It was bought by Mr Robin Gonshaw, who raised £1.3 million to restore it.

The reopening was, however, greeted by a series of box office flops. The current board sold their £1 shares for 70p.

Mr Gonsnaw, who remains on the board and retains a small stake, is recommending the remaining shareholders not to accept Mr Archer's offer to buy their shares on the ground that Mr Archer will be able to turn the theatre round.

Mr David Gilmore, the new artistic director, will delay announcing his strategy until he has assessed the success of the theatre's next production, Catherine Cookson's *The Fifteen Streets*, which opens in the autumn.

Mr Archer said *Beyond Reasonable Doubt* would not transfer to the Playhouse.

He also denied that he was writing another play. "I have read I am writing a play about politics, about theatre and about the press. I am not. I have just written a new collection of short stories", he said.

Final defeats all but three

By John Grant, Crossword Editor

Only three of the 200 competitors at the Birmingham regional final of *The Times* Collins Crossword Championship managed to solve all four puzzles correctly at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, yesterday.

Two of them, the winner, Dr John Sykes, and Mr J B Widdowson, who came third, have also competed in the BBC Television's *Mastermind*.

Dr Sykes, who is head of German Dictionaries, Oxford University Press, and has won the National Championship eight times, completed the four puzzles in an average time of 10¼ minutes each.

Group Captain P J Hutchings, aged 49, who is commanding officer of RAF Neatishead and comes from Norwich, was second with an average time of 17½ minutes.

Mr Widdowson, of Cheltenham, who came third, was formerly headmaster of Keil School, Dumbarton, and has competed in the Crossword Championship every year since it was started in 1970. His average time was 22 minutes.

Fourth was Mr G A Haslam, who is 25 and first competed in the Championship at the age of 15. He now edits a puzzle magazine.

All four winners go forward to the national final in London on September 11.

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Police chase £25m assets of convicted heroin trafficker

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard officers are locked in a legal battle with a heroin trafficker over possible confiscation of a record £25 million of assets allegedly generated from drug dealing.

The assets are held in bank accounts overseas. The trafficker faces up to an extra 10 years in prison if the judge accepts that the assets came from drugs but the dealer refuses to bring them back to this country.

Investigations are still continuing and officers are looking at the possibility that the drug operations may have been funded with the aid of money "milked" from the now collapsed firm of Johnson Matthey Bankers.

The case is important not only for the money it could realize.

A police success in the case, outlined at a national police drugs conference last week as an example of the use of the new Drugs Trafficking Offences Act, would spur senior police officers in a growing campaign to have assets confiscated under the Act channelled back into the fight against the traffickers.

At the centre of the legal wrangle is Harkisham Chattaram, aged 48, an Asian entrepreneur who was based in London and was said to have African connections. Some of the assets are believed to be held in banks in Nigeria.

Chattaram was arrested with two other Asians last April in a police operation which resulted in the seizure of eight kilos of heroin and led to the conviction of all three.

The gang used a busy McDonald's restaurant at Marble Arch, central London, as a secret meeting place.

Drugs confiscation officers working with Scotland Yard then started using papers taken from Chattaram to try to trace any profits made from the drugs: they also investigated eight of the 28 companies linked to Chattaram.

By late last year police had produced a schedule of bank accounts and asset movements

The assets are being held all over the world and so far the police have only been able to freeze £150,000 that was held in Britain.

The investigations also disclosed the possibility that the trafficking was funded by £10 million drawn from Johnson Matthey using forged letters of credit.

Names emerged which made police suspicious and they worked with a detective team from the City of London force which was looking at the collapse of the banking firm.

Police suspect that money taken from Johnson Matthey was funnelled through a number of companies to buy drugs and the profits were then fed back into the companies' network.

Chattaram is on remand in prison after pleading guilty. He will be sentenced once the issue of the assets has been solved.

The source of the assets will have to be decided by a judge.

Under the trafficking legislation introduced 15 months ago, a judge, having accepted that a convicted trafficker benefited by more than £1 million from drugs, can sentence him to anything up to an extra 10 years if the assets are not realizable or the offender refuses to return them to Britain.

Better school English urged

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

A greater emphasis on teaching children how to write and speak English correctly is recommended in a report to be published on Friday by a committee of inquiry set up 15 months ago by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Although the committee, which has been chaired by Sir John Kingman, vice-chancellor of Bristol University, rejects a return to formal grammar lessons, the thrust of its lengthy report is that teachers must do more to ensure that young people leave school after 11 years of compulsory education able to write simply, clearly and without obvious error.

Among its many recommendations, the report will say that teachers need to be more rigorous in correcting spelling, punctuation and grammar and that literary creativity, much favoured by some "progressive" teachers, is not a substitute for learning language skills.

Members of the committee were particularly impressed by the failure of a teacher in one of the 40 schools they visited to correct a sentence written by a 13-year-old which read: "This is the best thing what I have wrote".

The report will argue that children must not be handicapped by an ignorance of how language works and that such knowledge is not acquired without effort.

It will say there is no evidence that formal grammar teaching improves pupils's use of language, any more than merely exposing pupils to good literature ensures that they learn to write well.

Instead, it will recommend that trainee teachers should be taught more about language.

Treading a careful path between the strict grammarians, who believe that standards have fallen disastrously, and the professionals, who contend there is nothing much wrong with the way English is taught, the report none the less represents a significant reaction against a trend set by the Bullock committee in its report, *A Language for Life*, published in 1975.

That argued that children could learn by talking and writing as certainly as by listening and reading and that the spoken word had therefore the same validity in the classroom as the written. The Kingman committee blames that view for the emergence of a sloppy approach to English teaching whose consequences infuriate employers.

The committee's formal terms of reference were to make recommendations on "a model of the workings of the English language" to help to improve teaching in schools. Its members, who included academics and writers, were also asked to say what, in general terms, pupils needed to know about how the English language works at the ages of seven, 11 and 16.

Further details will be worked out by another committee, to be announced on Friday, whose members will be asked to specify what children should learn in English at each stage of their school careers.

● The number of sixth formers taking A levels this year is set to rise by 5 per cent — in spite of a big drop in the number of 18-year-olds in the population, according to the Associated Examining Board. The board says 164,000 sixth formers have entered for its A level examinations this summer — 5 per cent up on last year.

Design Council cuts back

By David Nicholson-Lord

The Design Council is to abandon much of its high-profile promotion of British products. One casualty will be the black and white "kite" Design Centre label, regarded for decades as the imprimatur of aesthetic quality.

In a wide ranging review of its functions, the council is also making 10 per cent of its staff redundant.

The council yesterday defended the cuts, which are likely to be announced this week, and criticized British industry for failing to respond as effectively as its foreign rivals to the challenge of modern design.

It plans to increase direct aid to industry, particularly in the regions, and to extend the design initiative scheme, which provides subsidized consultancy to firms.

Among the other casualties of the review, which was launched last year and gained extra impetus with the appointment as director of Mr Ivor Owen, in January, will be the closure of the *Design Directory* and the trade catalogue of approved products.

The product selection procedure, under which manufacturers submitted products to a Design Council vetting committee will end. The council will also no longer participate in trade fairs.

The changes are described by the council as a recognition that modern design, which was regarded as the "commercial kiss of death" when the labelling scheme was launched in 1956, has at last been accepted by the public.

Such is the appeal of good design, though, that a flood of foreign goods is being sucked into Britain.

Mr Paul Burall, head of promotion and information at the council, said yesterday: "The public has learnt to appreciate modern design. High street shops are full of it.

"But British manufacturers have not caught on. Not enough of them are producing good enough designs. Our job is to help British manufacturers to get back in and compete."

British companies still did not accord enough importance to the design function, which related to efficiency and distinctiveness as well as appearance.

Mr Burall cited as examples the collapse of the British car industry and the scissor market, in which there was two thirds foreign penetration.

With certain exceptions, such as in clothing, much of industry had failed to keep pace with the revolution in taste since the post-war years of austerity.

Pubs praised for bed and breakfast value

Public houses offer some of the best-value accommodation in Britain, but takeovers and mergers in the brewing industry are threatening consumer choice, a guide published today says.

"There are hundreds of superb pubs in Britain that offer good value accommodation as well as a warm welcome and a good pint. They are in sharp contrast to over-priced and impersonal hotel chains", Roger Protz, editor of the Campaign for Real Ale's (CAMRA) *Beer, Bed and Breakfast* guide, says.

The guide says many public houses offer accommodation for about £10 a person a night but mergers are restricting choice.

In another CAMRA guide, *Classic Town Pubs*, the author, Neil Hanson, expresses concern that historic inns and taverns are threatened.

He says: "While we hear plenty about the threat to our heritage posed by the decay of stately homes and by the export of art treasures, scarcely a thought is devoted to the decay of those twin pillars of British life — the local church and the local pub".

Beer, Bed and Breakfast (Robson Books and CAMRA; £5.95) and *Classic Town Pubs* (Pavilion Books; £11.95).

Casting is all important for Sir Michael

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By Andrew Morgan

Off duty: Sir Michael Hordern, *pursuing his passion of* fly-fishing, near his cottage at Bagnor, near Newbury, Berkshire, yesterday. The actor has been a keen angler since he caught his first fish in 1916.

After 30 years at Bagnor and fishing the Lambourn and a lake fed by the river, Sir Michael is concerned that a *potential route for a planned* by-pass will ruin the area and its fishing. He is a founder member of a group opposing the route.

Sir Michael, aged 76, owns many fishing rods and hundreds of flies, which he makes himself. Such is his skill, a leading catalogue for anglers lists the Michael Hordern Nymph. The fly was "born" on a day Sir Michael found himself without adequate materials for a pheasant-tailed nymph and used a substitute, which he tied himself. It was a great success and he landed *several trout.*

The type was used by a member of the Hardy family and included in their catalogue. The listing is one of his *proudest achievements.*

Sir Michael taught himself fly fishing, with a little help from his elder brother, known as "Shrimp" and now aged 82, when the family moved to Dartmoor from Hertfordshire. He has fished for trout, grayling, sea trout and salmon throughout the British Isles.

Of the planned by-pass, which could pass within a few hundred yards of his home and, worse, cross the Lambourn near his favourite lake, Sir Michael said: "The construction, with all the concrete foundations, would have a hugely detrimental effect on the fishing as trout and grayling are particularly sensitive to such changes.

"There would be noise for *24 hours a day from constant* traffic. Newbury would swell out and fill all the green field sites towards the by-pass."

Sir Michael, a member of *the Council for the Protection* of Rural England, said the Watermill Theatre in Bagnor would also suffer, from the noise of heavy lorries grinding up the hill near by.

He is appearing in George Bernard Shaw's *You Never Can Tell*, at the Haymarket Theatre in London and has recently recorded a second series of *Wind in the Willows*, in which he plays Badger.

Sir Michael does not judge a day's fishing by the number of fish landed. "I measure it in terms of enjoyment, and it is impossible to recall them all individually."

(Photograph: Harry Kerr)

Bookings boom at Britain's resorts

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Hotel and guest house bookings at British resorts are booming as package holidays abroad fall below last year's levels.

Towns that have made a substantial investment to improve tourist facilities are doing best, and an increased number of business travellers, a reflection of Britain's industrial and commercial growth, is also boosting business at hotels.

Torbay Tourist Board said Easter had been "absolutely phenomenal" and prospects for the coming season "looking as good this year as they did in the 1970s". Bournemouth is looking forward to a particularly busy summer after the resort was "booked out" over Easter.

The English Tourist Board has started a survey of summer holiday prospects. It reports "a good deal of confidence" at hotels in spite of worries that the weaker dollar might bring a reduction in the number of American tourists.

Mr Robin Lees, chief executive of the British Hotels, Restaurants and Caterers Association, said: "Where there is more disposable income around tourism is one of the first industries to benefit and people are booking second and even third holidays. People are going to British resorts for much more than a beach holiday. They are looking for a wide range of leisure facilities and local tourist authorities have responded well."

Ladbroke Holidays, which has 17 holiday centres mainly around the south coast and in East Anglia, says business is up 14 per cent

At the 16 Holiday Inn hotels around the United Kingdom, mainly relying on business traffic during the week and short break holidays at the weekends, occupancy levels "right across the board" were reported ahead of last year.

The foreign package holidays market was down 3 per cent at the end of last month compared with the same period last year, according to Pickfords Travel, one of the top three retail travel agency chains. Pickfords expects more later bookings than last year but says that there are fewer spaces this year, which will reduce the chances of picking up late bargain holidays this summer.

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Winner to make trip to France

Mr Roger Butterworth, a buyer for a health care company, from Swinton, Manchester, was the sole winner of the £8,000 *Portfolio* prize on Saturday. He is planning a holiday in France.

Mr Butterworth said: "The first thing I thought of when I heard that I had won was to buy some compact *discs of my* favourite operas, but then I realized that when I go to France I will be able to go on a wine-guzzling few days and have a few more expensive meals than I would otherwise".

The remainder of the money would go on a new car, he said.

It was the first time Mr Butterworth, aged 39, had won the competition and was a reward for his persistence after work colleagues had said he was wasting his time. "I have really proved them wrong now", he said.

New light on death of the Red Baron

Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the First World War German fighter ace, was killed by a single shot from a British reconnaissance plane, according to new evidence produced by an aviation historian.

Mr Hugh Scanlon, aged 60, of Penzance, Cornwall, has produced a letter allegedly written by a member of an Allied team that investigated Richthofen's death and dismisses claims that he was shot down in a dog fight.

Until now it has been generally accepted that Richthofen, who was credited with destroying 80 Allied planes, was shot down by Roy Brown, a Canadian pilot of 209 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps, on April 21, 1918.

Other claims were made by an Australian squadron that reported it had "riddled him with bullets till he crashed", a British squadron and a ground machine-gun battery.

However, the letter produced by Mr Scanlon, alleges that the German ace died from a single shot fired by the observer of a reconnaissance plane. It was written at Bristol in 1934 by Professor John Alexander Nixon who was consultant physician to General Rawlinson's Fourth Army during the First World War, and was found tucked in a book of poetry by Mr Peter Dalwood, an antiquarian bookseller, of Penzance.

In it, Professor Nixon allegedly describes how he and a Colonel Sinclair, consultant surgeon to the Fourth Army, were summoned to Bertangles aerodrome on the Western Front "to decide if possible to which of the several claimants the credit of bringing down Richthofen belonged".

The letter says: "The plane had only been hit by one single bullet which has passed through the fuselage and entered the chest in the middle of the right axilla. Travelling horizontally it had struck the front of the vertebrae and glanced off, probably into the heart, but we did not open the body to make our examination. Enough had been established to dispose of all the claims we had heard."

It also refers to "a report by an artillery observer on the evening of the day Richthofen was brought down that he overtook a German in a scarlet plane who seemed unaware of the presence of any other plane in the near vicinity . . . the British observer, seeing his opportunity, flew up beside him and in passing "let him have a belt".

"It is probably in this manner that the fatal bullet reached Richthofen unsuspected and killed him instantly".

Mr Scanlan said the address and telephone number on the letter were indeed those of Professor Nixon, who had signed it.

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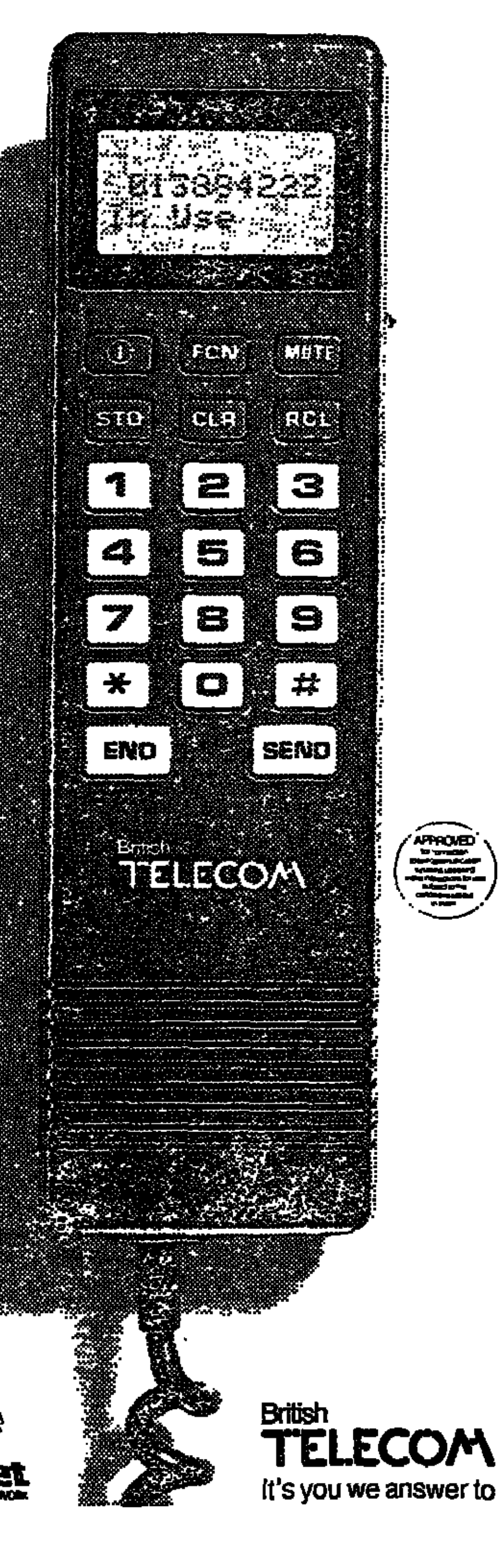

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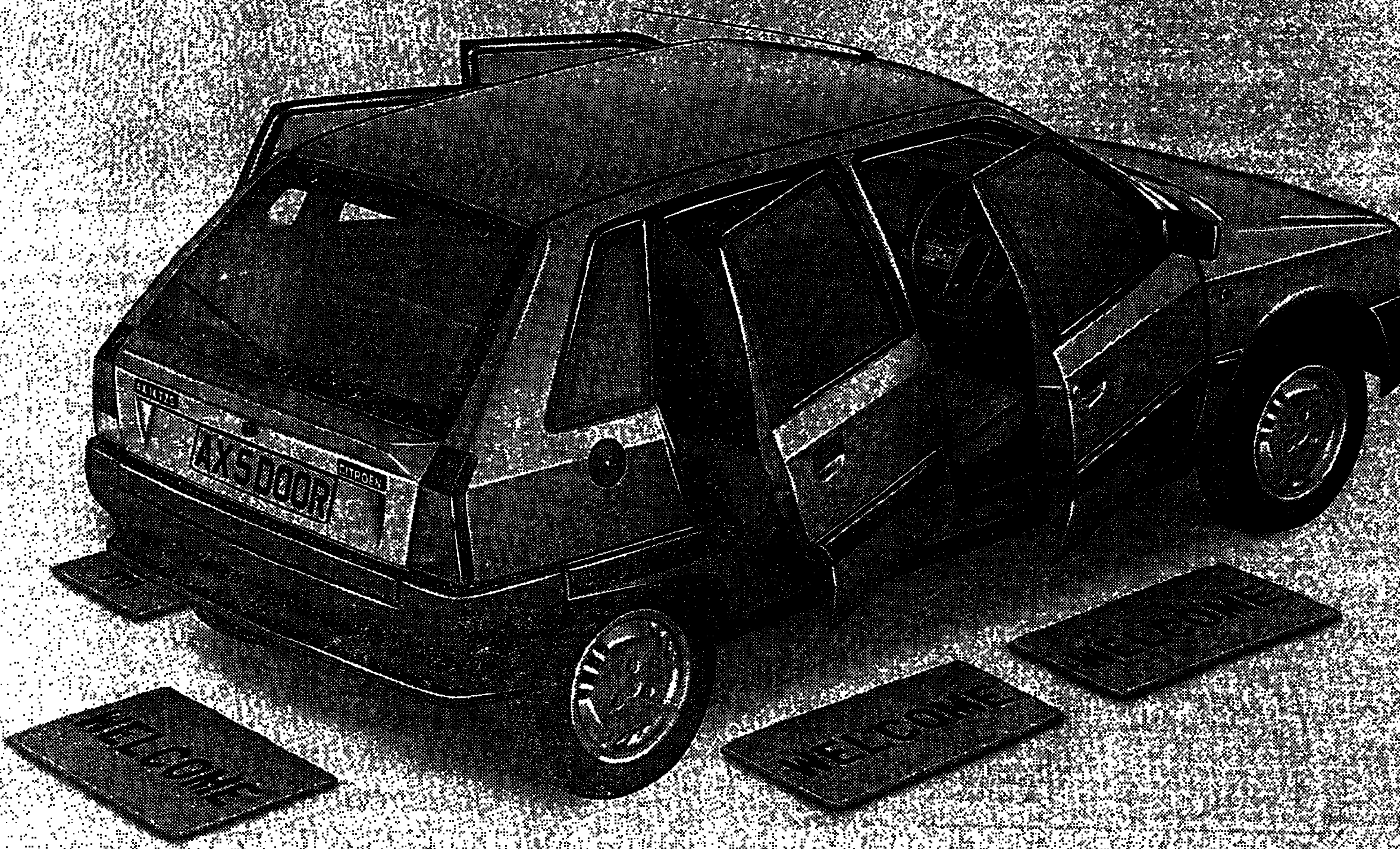

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Inland Revenue says popular butchers' 12% margins too low

Penalty of living in 'yesterday's world'

By David Cross and Michael Horsnell

Last month *The Times* published a series of articles suggesting the Inland Revenue has become too aggressive and taxpayers are deemed guilty unless innocent.

Mr Anthony Battishill, chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, said in reply that the public had no cause to be alarmed and he would like to hear from anyone who was.

The Times has now sent him the case of the Tucker twins, penalized by the taxman, they believe, because they refused to charge their customers more than they felt was fair.

For 39 years the brothers ran a butchers' shop in the village of Wedmore, Somerset. Best quality, lowest prices, and always trim the fat before weighing meat; those were the cornerstones of a retailing philosophy which brought the brothers popularity but little profit.

The profit margin they reported on tax returns was 12 per cent and, down the years, the Inland Revenue accepted the figure — until 1983.

Then the tax authorities decided a small family butcher should be clearing 18 per cent. The Tuckers now face a bill of about £40,000 covering unpaid tax, interest and penalties, a sum which will swallow most of their savings.

Uproar among the villagers and protests from the constituency MP have failed to move her Majesty's inspectors.

Donald and Dennis Tucker, aged 68, worked long hours six and a half days a week and seldom took holidays. Donald rarely stepped outside the village. Dennis saw a little more countryside because he did the van deliveries.

Originally the tiny shop was attached to their cottage and towards the end of their careers they were paying themselves £40 a week.

Donald, who lives with wife, Mavis, and daughter, Janette, aged 24, in the same cottage where he and his brother were born, said: "We tried to give local people a fair deal, trimmed off excess fat, knocked a few bob off for pensioners and were proud of our service.

"We were stunned when the taxman challenged our figures. We explained our prices were much cheaper than anywhere else and we were not out to make large profits, but it seems we were born in yesterday's world and the mistake we made was continuing to live in it."

Mr Donald Tucker (left) and his brother in their old shop.

They challenged the local inspector's findings before the commissioners at Weston-super-Mare but, Donald said: "It seems the taxmen are incapable of believing our figures or understanding our philosophy".

In July 1985 they appealed to Wrington general commissioners, final arbiter of tax disputes in the Weston-super-Mare area. However, the commissioners decided the returns and accounts were inaccurate and they must pay.

One problem was that petrol expenses for deliveries were the same each week and there were some gaps in their record books. "Perhaps our accounts were not as good as they should have been but we had been using the same system over 30 years and the taxmen never complained. We only delivered locally within a three mile radius and our mileage was almost pretty much the same", Donald said.

Having lost before the commissioners their only recourse would have been the High Court, but that option was not taken up because of the costs involved if they lost.

Mr Henry Toch, senior lecturer in taxation at the City of London Polytechnic and a taxation writer, said: "If you take the Inland Revenue on you run the risk of going bankrupt.

"Income tax law is civil law where the loser pays all, including the costs of both parties. Unlike criminal law, the taxpayer is guilty until he proves innocence. The burden of proof is on the taxpayer, not the authorities."

When the Tuckers retired in 1985 they owed £22,300 tax, including £4,000 interest. Since then the bill has risen to more than £37,900 through further interest and a £6,000 penalty.

Payment of the bill in full will almost wipe out their savings, which mostly come from the £48,000 sale of the shop.

The case has infuriated villagers. Mrs Susanne Ager, a smallholder who lives behind the butchers' shop, said: "I feel incensed.

"They put in horrific hours, up to 9 or 10 o'clock at night. They were very old-fashioned traditional butchers and the quality of their meat was very good. It was always cheaper than anywhere else. They were as honest as the day is long. Their trouble is that they were naive."

Mrs Suzanne Mettor, a JP, said: "We were buying meat at very, very reasonable prices, much cheaper than elsewhere. The Inland Revenue is unjust."

Mr Tom North, a retired cashier in a solicitor's office, said: "They always gave first-class service with cheap and excellent meat".

Colonel A H Woodland, retired from the Army and the Civil Service, said: "I doubt very much the figure of 18 per cent profit applies to them".

Villagers said they would be happy to testify for the brothers.

The present manager of the Tuckers' shop, Mr Richard Sellers, said their prices had been "ridiculously cheap".

Several villagers wrote to their MP, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, and he tried to get the case reopened. However, Mr E C Phelps, district inspector of taxes, told him: "The assessments in question are final and conclusive under the provisions of section 46(2) TMA 1970".

Mr John Fuller, general secretary of the National Federation of Meat Traders, said: "It is all very well for the Inland Revenue to pick an average gross profit figure but butchering is very much an individual trade. Profit margins vary widely."

Mr Anthony Isaac, deputy chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, said: "We do not have the Tucker brothers' authority to breach their confidentiality and discuss their affairs in public.

"However, according to your report, this was a decision by a panel of general commissioners. This is an appeal body of laymen including businessmen drawn from the local community. It is not a tribunal of officials from the Inland Revenue.

"The commissioners would have taken their decision after hearing, as the people in the village whom you quote have not had the chance to hear, all the facts and the evidence on both sides of the dispute."

Anxious MPs say scientists need more help

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A Tory-controlled committee of MPs is to press for increased government help for science with a unanimous report next month pointing to growing areas of concern.

The report, on the Department of Education's 1988 Public Expenditure White Paper, was agreed by the education, science and arts select committee last week and will strengthen the claims of the Royal Society and the Advisory Board for the Research Councils.

The 11-man committee, which has seven Tory MPs, says that the present level of funding is "causing difficulties in the scientific community" and will not be enough to sustain scientific research.

It describes as "disturbingly high" the number of top quality research projects that the research councils are unable to fund, and expresses concern at the high quality of the British scientists who are going overseas.

It says it hopes that the stated intention of Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to give greater priority to science in the course of the next public expenditure survey "will indeed lead to significant relief of the very tight constraints on the current level of science research".

It also refers to "profound and growing worries" that there will soon be too few qualified scientists to serve the needs of industry.

The advisory board had called for an increase of £103 million this year to allow scientific research to continue at its present level, but the actual increase was £50 million or 6 per cent and the committee believes that, in practice, the rise was even smaller.

About 1.5 per cent was specifically allocated for extra research on Aids and Antarctic research. It did not fully account for academic pay rises above the inflation rate. The cost of equipment and international subscriptions also tended to rise faster than inflation.

The committee does not put the entire onus on the Government. It says the scientific community has to adopt much tighter priorities and cease pursuing unpromising lines of research. It also says industry's funding of research and development lags behind that of the United States, Japan and West Germany and should be increased.

Motorway repairs

Traffic fears over orbital road boost

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Plans for upgrading the North Circular Road in London are running into opposition from people living near by who fear it is being turned into an inner city motorway, designed to take pressure off the M25.

It is claimed that when the improvements are complete, traffic will be able to drive from the M4 near Brentford in the west to the M11 near Woodford in the east without encountering a set of traffic lights or a junction.

People living along the road say that will attract heavy traffic from the M25.

They are particularly concerned about plans for a £50 million tunnel scheme at the Henlys Corner junction, where the A1 and the North Circular Road meet near Golders Green.

Traffic delay at this junction is minimal, according to people in the area, but the pressure group, Movement for London, which will support the scheme at a public inquiry this week, says it will cut accidents, and raise traffic speeds from about 12mph to 30 to 50mph.

Works until next Monday.

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M1 Buckinghamshire: lane closures north of jn 14 (Newport Pagnell).
M25 Hertfordshire: lane closures both directions jns 24-25 (Potters Bar/A10).
M11 Essex: contraflow jns 6-7; lane closures jns 810.
M20 Kent: lane restrictions jns 11-12 in connection with the Channel tunnel.**M25** Surrey: night lane closures 7pm to 6.30am, jns 11-13 (Chertsey/-Staines).
M3 Hampshire: inside lane, hard shoulder closed, both directions, jns 5-6.
M40 Buckinghamshire: lane restrictions, both directions, jn 5.

Midlands

M5 Hereford/Worcester: contraflow jns 5-6; lane closures jns 4-8 (Bromsgrove/M50).
M6 W Midlands: southbound entry slip road from Salford circus closed.

North

M6 Cheshire: contraflow jns 16-17: slip, link road closures jns 21a, 22.
M6 Lancashire: lane closures jns 26-27; contraflow jns 29-31.
M6 Cumbria: contraflow northbound jns 41-42.
M56 Greater Manchester: exit slip roads closed, jn 5. Signed diversions.
M61 Lancashire; northbound closed jn 9.
M62 Grtr Manchester: lane restrictions jns 12-15 (M63/-Swinton).
M62 Lancashire: lane restrictions jns 21-22.
M62 W Yorkshire: contraflow, jns 25-26.
M63 Grtr Manchester: single line traffic jns 3-6; flyover construction, Portwood roundabout, Stockport.
A1(M) S Yorkshire: contraflow, slip road closures, A635 interchange-A638 interchange.

Wales and West

M4 Wiltshire: off-peak lane closures eastbound jns 16-15.
M4 Avon: lane closures in both directions jns 18-19.
M4 S Wales: westbound lane closures jn 28.
M5 Gloucestershire: lane closures both carriageways jns 9-12. (Tewkesbury/Gloucester).
M5 Avon: contraflow south of jn 14.
M5 Somerset: lane closures, restrictions north and southbound jns 22-27.

Scotland

M8 Lothian: eastbound traffic hard shoulder only jn 3; eastbound entry slip jn 3 closed.
M74 Strathclyde: contraflow jn 4; lane closures jn 6.

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Development fear in country parks

By Andrew Morgan

Countryside authorities are anxiously awaiting a decision this week on a planned development which could have grave repercussions for national parks.

A developer wants to replace a caravan site on a cliff near Tenby with 150 holiday cottages.

Mr Melvyn Davies has since 1984 applied five times for planning permission. The scheme has been amended several times. Pembrokeshire National Park, which controls planning permission, has consistently rejected the scheme, but there are fears it might relent.

Last month, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, after opposition from the National Trust, the Council for the Protection of Rural Wales and the Council for National Parks, told Pembrokeshire to defer a decision on a further application for the site, Meadow House, Amroth.

Miss Amanda Nobbs, secretary of the Council for National Parks, has urged the minister to reject the plans. "If these plans are passed it would set a dangerous precedent", she said. "There is every indication the number of applications for leisure complexes, on a scale inconsistent with national park principles, would dramatically escalate. The leisure industry is trying to cash in on national parks."

Nearly thirty surviving members of a demonstration which helped to open large areas of upland to the public attended a reunion to celebrate the fifty-sixth anniversary of the event in the Derbyshire Peak District yesterday.

Other ramblers joined them **on the Kinder Scout plateau above Hayfield where the veterans staged their mass trespass on private land. The protest paved the way for the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949.**

Mrs Marion Herbert, a member of Pembrokeshire National Park committee, said: "There must always be scope to move with the times and accommodate small-scale development in sympathy with the character of the area concerned. But such a trade-off — replacing temporary structures with permanent ones — could never be considered a planning gain on a prominent cliff site."

Mr Davies said: "The cottage development will mean up to forty people will have work for 11 months of the year. It will not be seasonal employment, which is the bane of the area. People live and work here. If this is rejected, a considerable investment in the area will be dashed."

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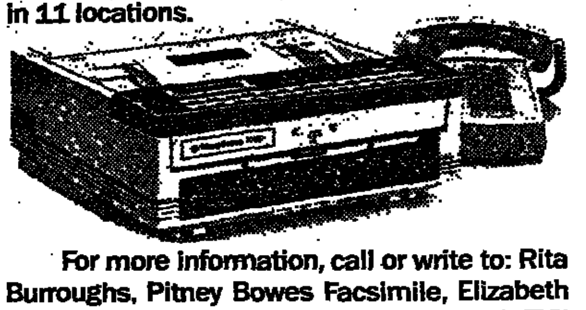

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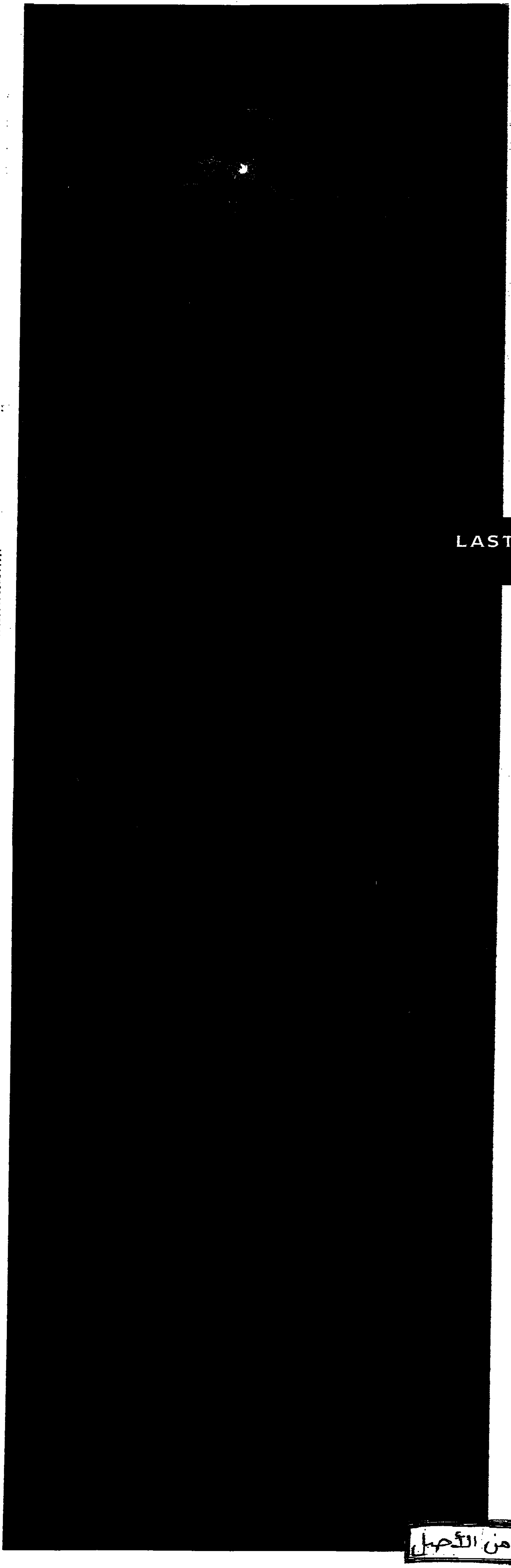

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Redundant workers start new firms to revive North-east

Government efforts to stimulate the small business sector to help revive the economy have been slow to take off in the North-east of England ... until now.* Peter Davenport *has been to see a remarkable transformation story.

On Friday this week the removal vans will draw up outside the Small Firms Service in the Cloth Market, Newcastle upon Tyne and move Mrs Gillian Smith, her staff, computers and files across the city to new and larger premises on the fifteenth floor of an office block overlooking the Tyne.

"We are so busy helping people to start up new businesses that we have outgrown our present offices. We need more room to meet the increased demand", Mrs Smith, a career Civil Servant with the Department of Employment for the past 21 years and now regional manager of its small firms agency for the North-east, said.

The region has traditionally been one of mass employing industries such as shipbuilding, heavy engineering and coal where workers have been locked into the "cradle-to-grave" embrace of one-job security.

It bred a culture of dependency on "the company" which made the prospect of redundancy as those traditional industries declined that much harder and the switch to self-employment a difficult concept to sell.

In a national league table detailing the percentage of the workforce entering self-employment taken only three years ago, the North-east was firmly rooted at the bottom.

It was acknowledged to be the most difficult area of mainland Britain in which to encourage the enterprise culture which the Government, and the Prime Minister in particular, championed.

However new figures disclose a remarkable turn around. Last year the region recorded a 25 per cent increase in the numbers of workers going into self-employment, the highest upsurge in the country.

The Small Firms Service handled 19,000 serious inquiries from those wanting to branch out for themselves. More than 5,700 people, assisted by the Government's Enterprise Allowance scheme, were helped to start their own companies, an increase of more than 1,300 on the year before.

The projected figure for this year is 6,800 new start-ups and they range across the whole spectrum of work including retail, manufacturing, the service sector, design, clothing and computers.

A further encouraging statistic is that, after 18 months, 86 per cent of the fledgeling companies are still trading, giving the lowest failure rate in the country.

Unemployment in the North-east is running at 15.9 per cent with some 174,392 people out of work, a drop of almost 3 per cent on the same time last year.

The numbers of those entering self-employment has increased from 105,000 to 108,000 with Mrs Smith predicting a similar increase this year.

There are now, she says, 120,000 small companies operating in the region, employing between one and 200 people.

Mrs Smith said: "The increase in the number of new small businesses is one of the most spectacular successes of the region. It is now seen as a very real alternative to unemployment and we have a tremendous number of organizations aimed at giving encouragement and support.

"Only three years ago people were very reluctant even to think about self-employment because of the traditions of the region and we have had to spend a tremendous amount of money and effort promoting the enterprise culture."

The agency runs on an annual budget of less than £300,000. Mrs Smith has a permanent staff of seven. It has a team of counsellors, all successful businessmen, who advise new clients and their numbers have been increased from 22 to 31 to cope with demand.

One of the people helped by the service is Mr Alan Bainbridge, aged 46, who was made redundant by a large engineering company after 20 years. He set up his own company, calibrating industrial equipment, with his pay-off and after raising further finance against his house.

He said: "It was a very big step to take and when we signed the house over to the bank as security; well, that was a bad time. But things are now going tremendously well."

Popular shrub now a pest

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Rhododendrons, a colourful feature of many large gardens and great estates, are causing problems in the more remote areas of Britain.

The plant is flourishing in upland areas as never before, creating unforeseen difficulties for bodies such as the National Park authorities.

In the past two centuries landscape gardeners have propagated dozens of species and several hundred hybrids. It is possible to see the flowers all the year round.

But the rhododendron also thrives in the thin, peaty, acidic soils of moors and mountains. It is colonizing large areas of Scotland, Snowdonia, the Brecon Beacons, Dartmoor, Exmoor, and the Lake District.

It is poisonous to most forms of wildlife and other plants. In woodland areas it takes over before saplings have a chance to grow and it is competing with bracken to destroy heather.

The cost of eliminating it by felling and herbicides would cost some £30 million in Snowdonia alone and would arouse protests from the public who see the rhododendron as an asset rather than a pest.

Kestrels are happily moving into town

Mr Mike Abbey, of Raptor Rescue, with "Lucky", a female kestrel which he has hand reared since it was found last August (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

By Andrew Morgan

The London Wildlife Trust today launches a survey of kestrels in the city to establish their growth rate after a remarkable adaptation to urban life which is more widespread than for any other bird of prey.

***Mr Mike Abbey, of Raptor Rescue,* said that pairs of rural kestrel are so numerous that their habitat had moved along main roads towards cities. They have been seen nesting on the balconies of high-rise flats or even in garages.**

"The rural habitat is far from lost and they are breeding so well that they are moving into the cities. Kestrels often follow motorways, where shrews and voles burrow into the embankments, which are rapidly becoming man-made nature reserves", he said.

Sue Butcher, the trust's development officer, said estimates showed that 150 pairs were now nesting in London, compared with 50 pairs less than 10 years ago.

"Kestrels now live right across London and have been spotted in Hyde Park, Regent's Park and Finsbury Park. Everybody can help in this important survey."

Kestrels are part of the falcon family and feed largely on mice and sparrows, although large worms and insects are sometimes consumed. The trust will be looking for new sites for kestrel nesting boxes and erecting them throughout the year.

The project, which is sponsored by Barclays Bank, includes leaflets for the public to recognize the bird's shape, its hovering pattern and colour.

Details of sightings may be sent to the trust at 80 York Way, London N1 9BR.

WHITEHALL BRIEF by David Walker

The thrill of power in the corridors of policy

At a social event in the middle of last week, the permanent secretary of the Department of the Environment and colleagues could be observed, fresh from the House of Commons and their minister's unsuccessful efforts to head off revolt on the poll tax.

Depressed and morose? On the contrary, these officials were pullulating with excitement.

This was the great game, perhaps the very thing that had brought them into the Civil Service — dealing with crises.

It would probably be an exaggeration to say Whitehall thrives on crises at Westminster, but there was a palpable sense (last week, at least) that the machinery had slipped into a higher gear.

Mr Dennis Trevelyan, the First Civil Service Commissioner, indicated something along these lines in explaining the relative success that Whitehall is having in attracting administration trainees, and maintaining (in his words) a respectable share of the annual crop of the universities' brightest.

It was not the pay which hooked them, he said, but the interest of a job close to the heart of power.

The heart of the Civil Service job, at the upper reaches at least, is politics and power. The Treasury the other day published a strange little booklet under the rubric of the Financial Management Initiative, which illustrates why the so-called managerial revolution supposed to be sweeping through Whitehall is not winning.

Officials ought, the Treasury said, to "evaluate" policy. Using such words as appraise, objective, target, "base case" and other management school jargon, they should test whether a policy is working.

The document lacks two things. One is any concrete example whatsoever of what constitutes a "policy"; the other is any awareness that the brute fact of Whitehall life is politics.

Contemporary Record, the journal of the Institute for Contemporary British History, recently gathered together politicians and officials connected with Mr Edward Heath's unsuccessful attempt to reform the trade union laws.

No single evaluation of that attempt emerged; instead there was a series of "what ifs", relating to political events. Lord Carr of Hadley, who as Robert Carr was Secretary of State for Employment in Mr Heath's Cabinet, summed up: "In that type of emergency situation it is very difficult to say where policy ends and execution begins".

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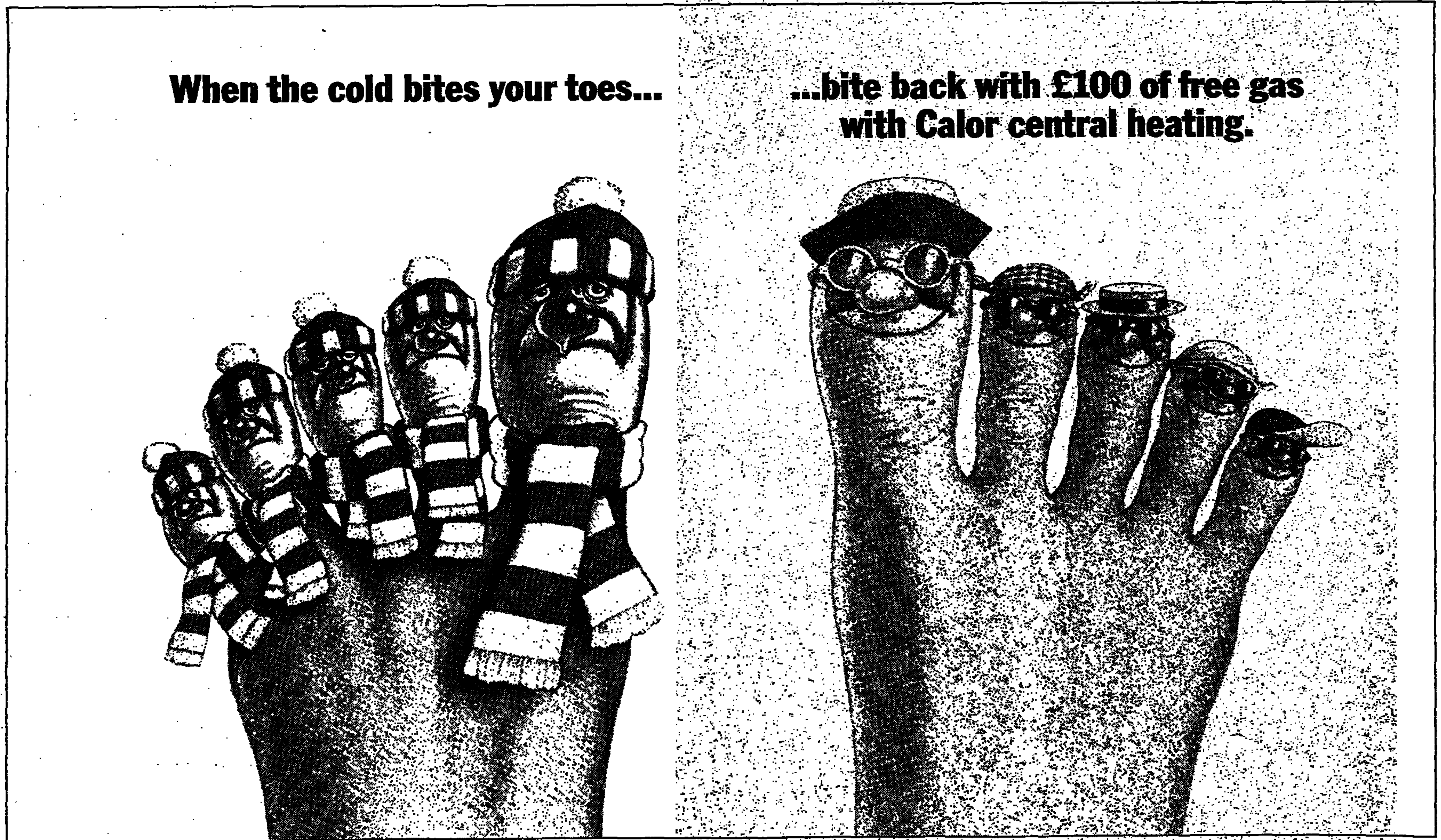
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Kanaks trap 50 more gendarmes

From Mark Baker, Noumea, and Anne Jamieson, Sydney

Armed Kanak villagers laid siege to a second police outpost in New Caledonia last night as their leaders threatened reprisals against 27 gendarmes already held hostage.

More than 100 pro-independence Kanaks armed with guns, axes and bushknives surrounded the police station at Tadine, on the outer island of Mare. Rebel sources said as many as 50 gendarmes and riot police were trapped.

Late last night police and paramilitary reinforcements were flown from the capital, Noumea, to the island.

Meanwhile, in a further embarrassment for the French Government, five paramilitary policemen were injured when a car packed with explosives blew up late yesterday in Corsica. The outlawed Corsican National Liberation Front said that its activists carried out the attack, which it linked to the Kanak campaign in New Caledonia.

Mr Joredie: Threatened that hostages could be harmed.

The siege on the island of Mare came in a day of worsening violence across the French South Pacific territory, which severely disrupted voting in elections that would strip the pro-independence Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front of much of its present regional power.

At least 11 people were wounded in a series of gun battles between security forces and militant Kanaks, who set up roadblocks isolating large areas of the island group.

The crisis in New Caledonia and the bombing in Corsica are serious blows for the French Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, who had to devote the last hours before the polling booths opened in the first round of the presidential election to handling the crisis.

The French Minister for Overseas Territories, M Bernard Pons, was due to arrive in Noumea late last night after an emergency Cabinet meeting in Paris. The French Government has also sent in an extra 160 special security forces, including 20 marksmen from the elite unit that guards the President.

The moves came after sweeps by 200 police and paramilitary officers on the island of Ouvea failed to find a trace of the 27 gendarmes taken hostage on Friday during a battle in which three men were killed and five injured. A French destroyer was reported to be stationed off Ouvea.

One of the wounded gendarmes, M George Moulie, died in the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney last night.

The Kanak Front's political bureau said troops on Ouvea had put the Gossannah tribe under siege.

The Front has now said that it kidnapped the gendarmes and has demanded immediate action on claims for decolonization in return for their release.

French gendarmes firing at Kanak rebels from the cover of an armoured car during clashes in New Caledonia yesterday.

●PARIS: Provisional voting figures in the New Caledonia regional elections yesterday show a 56.37 per cent turnout (Susan MacDonald writes). Results give the party which wants to keep the colony part of France 35 of the 48 seats in the newly-created regional divisions.

This figure is bound to be considered a victory by the Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front, which called for a boycott; but with voting marred by pro-independence roadblocks and shootings, 31 of the 139 polling stations never opened their doors.

WORLD ROUNDUP

29 killed in Sikh militant violence

Delhi – Fourteen people were murdered in separatist violence yesterday in the troubled north Indian state of Punjab, bringing the weekend total of killings to 29 (Michael Hamlyn writes). The victims included a woman, a terrorist gunman, a local leader of the Congress Party and "an intruder from Pakistan". On Saturday, 15 people were killed in two separate incidents. The dead included Mr Sardul Singh, a leader of the moderate wing of the Sikh Akali Dal party, who had been a staunch opponent of the terror campaign. According to the Press Trust of India, a so-called "red alert" was called in Punjab after Saturday's killings. Official news sources in Delhi have been anxious to point out how much of the mayhem has been due to infiltration across the Pakistan border.

Armenia remembers

Moscow – The Soviet Union's Armenian community yesterday marked the anniversary of the 1915 massacres of Armenians by the Turks, with a traditional procession in Yerevan, the Armenian capital, and a church service in Moscow (Our Correspondent writes).

Thousands of Armenians walked to the "Genocide Monument", a soaring black obelisk overlooking Yerevan, for the annual flower-laying ceremony. This year's ceremonies had heightened significance as the Armenians were commemorating the victims of racial riots in Sumgait. Hundreds of Armenians crammed into the Armenian cemetery in Moscow, although police were on hand to prevent the meeting becoming a political rally.

Strike call in Dhaka

Dhaka – Twenty-one Bangladesh opposition parties took to the streets in Dhaka at the weekend calling for a general strike today to mar the opening of the Parliament elected last month (Ahmed Fazl writes). The opposition leaders, Sheikha Hasina Wazed and Begum Khaleda Zia, gave a warning of civil unrest if the Assembly approved changes to the Constitution.

Deserter's secret life

Moscow (Reuter) – A Second World War Soviet Army deserter hid for 44 years in the cellar of his wife's home in a Ukrainian village, emerging only occasionally at night, the Moscow newspaper *Stroitelnaya Gazeta* reported yesterday. It said Mr Ivan Kondratyenko was discovered by police investigating a fire in the village of Shevchenkovo, north-east of Kiev.

Howe boycott call

Brussels – Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, will today raise with Britain's EEC partners the prospect of a European air boycott of Algeria for allowing the Arab hijackers of the Kuwaiti airliner to slip away last week (Richard Owen writes).

Diplomats said yesterday that few other Community states were inclined to follow Britain's lead. But officials said that Britain would continue to press for concerted international action against hijackers.

Duke hits at Pretoria

Hobart – The Duke of Edinburgh, in a speech of rare political significance by a member of the royal family, has condemned South Africa's policy of apartheid (Christopher Morris writes). Prince Philip, speaking at the University of Western Australia in Perth at the weekend, made his reference to apartheid by saying it was always so much easier to condemn something in general terms, but more difficult to cope with the practical realities. He said: "No matter what the rest of the world may say or do, only when a more significant proportion of white South Africans come to perceive apartheid as wrong will the system be changed by peaceful means." After five days in Western Australia, the Queen and the Duke yesterday flew to Tasmania.

Show of unity by Democrats

From Christopher Thomas, Philadelphia

The Rev Jesse Jackson and Governor Michael Dukakis, the sole survivors in the Democratic presidential battle, arrived in Pennsylvania brimming with warm words and affection.

They pumped hands. They laughed together. They told yawning audiences of their tremendous mutual respect. And they turned a television debate into a back-slapping love feast.

Behind the scenes, the two rivals have obviously agreed to present the Democratic Party as united and to avoid criticism of each other. Mr Jackson, in particular, is sending a clear signal that he has no intention of doing anything that could damage the Democrats' chances of seizing the White House in November.

The rivals even joked about the possibility of running together for the presidency and vice-presidency. Asked in a television debate if he would choose Mr Jackson as his running-mate, Mr Dukakis turned to the Baptist preacher and asked with a smile: "Are you interested? Talk to me later." Mr Jackson erupted in laughter, elbowed his rival gently in the ribs, and vigorously shook his hand.

It was a rare moment of spontaneity for Mr Dukakis, who can be stiff and colourless. Normally it is his rival who wins over audiences with his powerful stage presence.

In several interviews Mr Jackson repeated that the two contenders were not going to engage in a bitter fight among themselves. "However it goes, we will act as a unit to send the Reagan-Bush forces back to private life," he said. So far in the Pennsylvania campaign he has not sought to draw attention to policy disagreements with Mr Dukakis. Neither contender has even mentioned differences in their domestic policy priorities.

The Pennsylvania Democratic primary tomorrow will almost certainly be won by Mr Dukakis. There are really two elections – one is a popularity contest while the other is a battle for 178 delegates who will attend the party's National Convention in the summer. Most polls suggest that Mr Dukakis is running 25 to 35 per cent ahead of Mr Jackson in the popular vote.

The delegate battle ought to be an even greater triumph for Mr Dukakis, since Pennsylvania is one of a few states that apportion delegates on a winner-take-all basis by congressional district. Mr Jackson is strongest in two predominantly-black districts in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, but he could be shut out elsewhere. Nevertheless, his spirits seem high. He admonished Pennsylvania black leaders who doubted his ability to win the nomination, even though the arithmetic now points to the near-certainty that he cannot win.

Not only is he expected to lose tomorrow: he will almost certainly lose in Ohio and Indiana on May 3, although he can expect to carry Washington DC. "Hold you heads high. Renew your faith. Expand your hope. Let the children feel it," he intoned to black leaders.

"When the sun comes out in the spring, flowers blossom, eggs crack, chickens start talking chicken talk and hope is alive. Everything in the universe moves when there is hope in the air."

Mr Dukakis and Mr Jackson are focusing their Pennsylvania campaigns in the declining steel towns. The Massachusetts governor has not exactly set his campaign on fire with his slogan: "Good jobs at good wages". At every stop he attacks President Reagan's threatened veto of a trade bill that would force employers to give 60 days' notice before closing a plant.

While he attacks Vice-President George Bush, audiences seem bemused by his conciliatory utterances about Mr Jackson. "Jesse has his own strengths and his own message and it's an important one," he said when asked why working people should choose him over Mr Jackson. "What I offer is a record."

He couples praise of his rival with some seemingly half-hearted attempts to reach out to black voters, often telling the story of how as a student he boycotted a local barber who refused to serve black people. The polls all suggest, however, that he will get only a sprinkling of black votes tomorrow.

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Iraq buries Fao heroes at rallying point of holy war

From Paul Valley, Najaf

Religion is a complicating factor in the Iran-Iraq war. For the Shia fundamentalists in Tehran their's is a *jihad* — a holy war against a heretical regime. President Saddam Hussein, like most of the elite who run Iraq, is a Sunni Muslim, haunted by the fact that three-quarters of the Arabs in his country are Shias.

Yesterday, in Najaf there was a constant stream of solemn mourners carrying the corpses of Iraqi soldiers killed in the great victory at Fao last week, entering the shrine which their enemies are seeking to liberate in the name of a religion that they share.

The Sunni strain of Islam is generally regarded as the orthodoxy. Most of the world's Muslims are Sunni. But in Iran and Iraq most believers owe allegiance to the Shia sect which broke away in the seventh century in dispute over who should succeed the Prophet Muhammad.

From the outset, the Sunni, the party of the establishment, favoured the emergence of spiritual leaders by consensus. They still favour it. The Shia, who unsuccessfully supported the Prophet's son-in-law Ali (who fell in battle), favoured a familial succession to the religious hegemony and evolved a strictly hierarchical system of holy men of which the ayatollahs are the apex. They also became the party of social and political grievance against the established order.

Najaf is the burial place of Ali and, though in theory they would brand the statement heretical, in practice many Shia regard it as almost more holy than the tomb of the Prophet himself.

Visiting Najaf from Baghdad creates a dramatic contrast. Baghdad is a comparatively secular city, full of high-rise buildings and a population dressed in Western outfits. Najaf is another world. It centres entirely around the *al-Haydariya Mosque* where Ali is buried.

Its back streets are medieval warrens. The men wear *gelabias*, or Bedouin robes. Only a few sport Western suits. The women are shrouded in full black *abaye* robes, enlivened only for those who have completed the *haj* (the pilgrimage to Mecca) by a white wimple.

It is a centre of pilgrimage. The shops and street hawkers sell prayer beads, mats and tracts bearing the pictures of lesser known ayatollahs. One trader yesterday was selling tapes of Koranic prayers recorded in this holiest place.

All around the high, mosaic-covered walls of the building, capped by a great dome thick with gold leaf, the poor and infirm lie on makeshift beds, waiting to die as close as they can get to the sacred tomb. It is good to be buried here too. The cemetery, reputedly the biggest in the world, is crammed tight with gravestones which resemble millions of crouching beasts, all facing towards Mecca.

Yesterday, the street around the mosque was thick with slow moving funeral parties. The men moved, in separate groups from the women, with a ponderous and intense dignity, carrying coffins draped in the Iraqi flag. These were the dead of Fao, brought to circumnavigate the tomb of the warrior Ali, before burial on the seventh day.

Najaf has its own ayatollah, the Imam Khoi, who is aged 88 and is regarded by many Shia as more holy than the Ayatollah Khomeni, the spiritual and temporal leader of Iran. Before his exile in France, from where he moved to Iran when the Shah fell, Ayatollah Khomeni lived in this town too and many of the local residents are said to recall him, often in unflattering terms. One particular incident involves his beating a small boy, a repugnant act for a holy man in Arab culture.

Ayatollah Khomeni, most Western observers believe, made a fundamental error of judgement at the outset of the war. He clearly hoped that raising the Shia banner would lead Iraq's Shia to flock to his cause. "They didn't," said one diplomat in Baghdad, "partly because Iraq with its various security organizations is a very controlled society, and partly because Saddam Hussein, though a Sunni, has offered them religious tolerance as well as material affluence."

Yesterday, Ayatollah Khoi was resting at home after the night time exertions of the Ramadan feast at the Khoei Institute, a huddle of rooms down a dingy alleyway not far from the great mosque. The ayatollah, like many of his disciples, was born in Iran and is said to have mixed feelings about the war.

President Hussein has made tremendous efforts to retain the loyalty of Iraq's Shias who make up the bulk of his Army. One side of the Najaf mosque was yesterday in the middle of being rebuilt. "It will cost 96,000 dinars (£158,000). Saddam Hussein is paying for it himself," a pilgrim said.

The regime has also refurbished the Shia holy places in nearby Karbala at a cost of £42 million and spent £12.6 million refurbishing the inner shrine at Najaf with gold and silver leaf.

President Hussein has even made a speech which points out the fact that it is the Arabs who are the descendants of Muhammad and Ali. He did not actually add that, for all their zeal, it was not the neighbouring Persians who were the direct heirs. But the Shia of Iraq got the message just the same.

Neutral Gulf shipping may get US protection

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Reagan Administration is to revise the rules for American warships in the Gulf so that they can, in some unspecified circumstances, protect neutral merchant ships which come under attack.

Until now the US Navy has said it would not protect ships flying the flags of other countries but would help rescue crew members from damaged vessels.

The policy would not be put into effect until Congress and allied countries had been consulted, senior Administration officials said.

It would also allow US warships to protect American-owned vessels sailing in the Gulf under foreign flags. And the Pentagon is considering sending Coast Guard vessels to the Gulf to assist in escorting merchant vessels.

Democratic Party leaders in Congress are not expected to oppose the planned changes but are insisting on full consultation at every stage.

● WEST BEIRUT: A Muslim extremist group, the Revolutionary Justice Organization, yesterday threatened to kill Mr Joseph Ciccipio and Mr Edward Tracy, Americans who have been held hostage since 1986, if the US carried out new attacks in the Gulf.

Roof car park collapses on shoppers

Cars lying scattered amid the wreckage of a Canadian supermarket after the roof collapsed on the store's opening day. At least 12 people were injured when a car park above the store collapsed, sending more than 20 cars crashing through the roof (Reuter reports from Vancouver).

Most of the injured were senior citizens invited to the opening of the store, situated in the Vancouver suburb of Burnaby, and owned by the former Expo 86 chairman, Mr Jim Pattison. "We were being shown around the store and there was a clatter," said one shopper. "All of a sudden we saw a beam twist and then everybody was ordered out. The roof fell in, literally." Mr Trevor Burkitt, aged 23, a photo-technician, said that he saw a beam holding the roof bending. "I was getting people out of the store and then it collapsed," Mr Burkitt said. At first only six people were reported to have been hurt, but the toll rose as rescue workers moved huge blocks of fallen concrete.

Iranians 'allowed to escape'

From Our Own Correspondent, Baghdad

Thousands of Iranian soldiers, who were believed to have been killed by the Iraqi Army in its first big land victory for five years, escaped from the besieged Fao peninsula in the early hours of the battle, independent military sources have now disclosed.

Immediately after the 34-hour offensive to retake the peninsula, the strategic and southernmost point of Iraq held by the Iranians for two years, the Iraqi High Command said that one of its first moves was to destroy the bridges which the Iranians had built from Iran to Fao.

But in fact at least one of the three bridges was deliberately left partially intact, Iraqi officials have now privately admitted. They preserved it, hoping the Iranians would flee in the face of the tank offensive which followed a heavy artillery bombardment that obliterated their control and command structure.

"The idea was to keep this causeway open and let them flow across. It appears they did," said one diplomat. "The alternative was to trap them on the peninsula and risk that they would fight to the bitter end in some bloody hand-to-hand combat which would have brought heavy Iraqi casualties."

After the Fao victory, Baghdad ordered a moratorium in the war of the cities. But on Saturday, Iraq threatened to restart it after Iranian shells killed six people in the northern town of Sulaymaniyah.

Fate of 'Ivan the Terrible'

Judges ponder hanging

From Gitta Sereny, Jerusalem

The three judges who last Monday found John Demjanjuk guilty on all charges of having been the dreaded "Ivan the Terrible" in Treblinka will receive submissions from the prosecution and the defence this morning before pronouncing sentence.

The delay of a week between verdict and sentence, unusual in a case carrying a possible death sentence, was only partly because of last week's two public holidays here. The defence had hoped for a swift conclusion to spare the Demjanjuk family further stress. And the judges, apparently with the same consideration in mind, had been prepared to conclude the case before the holiday began last Wednesday. It was the prosecution who, taken unaware by the verdict, felt they had to have time — and advice — to consider their position.

The advice they would presumably have sought from their ministers came more publicly than they no doubt expected, when Mr Avraham Sharir, the Justice Minister, interviewed by the popular daily newspaper *Maariv*, said that he felt the death penalty was in order.

"It is incredible to pre-empt the proceedings like this in a newspaper interview," said a defence counsel, Mr Yoram Sheftel. "It's the sort of thing one wouldn't even expect from the Minister of Justice of a banana republic."

But the lucid and devastating summary the judges read out appears to have resolved the doubts of the majority of Israelis. Although a death sentence — which would be the first to take place in Israel since Eichmann was hanged — would provoke a public debate, it would not be because of concern over Demjanjuk's fate, but rather because such a decision could break a psychological barrier and open the door to the the death sentence — until now carefully avoided — for acts of terrorism.

"In our present climate, everything is considered in the context of these problems," said Tom Segev, a distinguished author and journalist. "Everything here is political and, in the end, these judges' decision is, too."

The judges can, of course, prove by the exhaustive legal and moral arguments contained in their 450-page verdict that their concern was entirely with a man, his alleged crimes, and the law. On the other hand, Demjanjuk's defence may well come to suggest that the tribunal's judgement, which resisted any doubts whatsoever, could at least in part have been influenced by political pressure.

Although I do not believe that these judges, whom many of us have learnt to admire over this year, were open to external pressure, it is perhaps significant that Judge Dov Levin, at the very beginning of the verdict, read that none of the matters they were called upon to consider could be viewed in isolation.

Judge Dov Levin

❛ Judges' lucid and devastating summary resolved the doubts of most Israelis ❜

"We are cognizant of the heavy responsibility," he read, "(of determining) judicially the historical truths with regard to (these) events." The period in question, Europe's history leading up to it, the people involved, their experiences and the facts of the case, they said, were linked in a single indivisible chain which could only be considered in the context of the remainder.

In the final analysis, the case depended on the credibility of the witnesses from Treblinka. In his *Ha'aretz* column, Mr Segev took the judges to task for their "uncalled-for" revival of the phrase "gone to their deaths like sheep to slaughter".

This was, he wrote, "at least one concept that we have surely dealt with over the past 40 years". Then he addressed himself to the delicate question of the survivors and their ability to recognize a man they had last seen more than 40 years ago. "Many of them," he wrote, "were forced to carry out various jobs in the machinery of extermination, and remained alive. Who knows now, who dares to speculate how? A difficult subject and still our greatest taboo. Who knows what they went through when they were called upon to identify him?"

In Jerusalem, the verdict was greeted with euphoria. But that was a week ago; now the euphoria has given way to questions.

"To me," said Professor Dan Bar-On, professor of psychology at Ben Gurion University of Negev, "the decision is too clear-cut, too perfect. The judges tell us the ID is fine, even though it is undated and Treblinka doesn't figure on it. The photo identification methods the Israeli police used are irreproachable, they say — even though all of us could see they were flawed — and, basically, all the witnesses are described as indubitably reliable.

"I think too," he said, "that they are good and honest men. But memory and the tricks it can play need to be handled very carefully, and I feel very uncomfortable with the avoidance here of any criticism. The simple gesture of a split vote could have saved the day."

For many Israelis, one of the most important points is the subject of obedience to illegal orders — something that can be applied to the most pressing moral problem in present-day Israel.

While Demjanjuk had never directly admitted any part in the extermination of the Jews in occupied Poland he had repeatedly discussed, theoretically he said, the degree or the lack of blame that should be put on "collaborators" who were forced to obey illegal orders. "Saying that (anyone) does not carry criminal guilt for obeying illegal or immoral orders," the judges said, "is not acceptable for any enlightened jurisprudence, and precedent for this rule has been firmly established."

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Lebanon bomb challenge to Syria

By Our Foreign Staff

Tripoli residents inspecting the havoc wreaked by the car bomb which exploded in a busy shopping centre on Saturday.

Beirut – Grieving residents of the northern Lebanese port of Tripoli prepared yesterday to bury some of the 66 victims of the car bomb that posed a challenge to Syria's security drive in the war-torn country.

The booby-trapped car, said to have been a Mercedes containing 330 lb of explosives, ripped through a busy shopping centre packed with people buying food for Iftar, the traditional meal during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, on Saturday.

The death toll rose to 66 yesterday after 12 more people wounded by the blast in the Tabbeneh district died. Police said the number of wounded was now 114.

Tripoli's eight hospitals were filled to capacity with casualties and mortuaries were "packed with corpses", police said. Radio stations broadcast urgent appeals for blood.

While some families buried victims on Saturday and some were preparing for funerals yesterday, other weeping residents were still trying to identify missing relatives among charred bodies in plastic bags at the hospitals.

A co-ordination committee that runs the day-to-day affairs of Tripoli has declared two days of public mourning for the victims.

The blast, the most destructive in Tripoli since 1985 when at least 52 people were killed and 75 injured by a similar explosion, was the latest blow to Syria's drive to impose security in Lebanon.

Syria is the main foreign power broker in the country, with more than 25,000 troops in the north, the Bekaa valley and in west Beirut, where soldiers impose tight security and man dozens of checkpoints.

No one has claimed responsibility for the blast in Lebanon's second largest city, 40 miles from Beirut, but left-wing and pro-Syrian political parties blamed their staunch rivals of the Christian "Lebanese Forces" militia.

"In front of this awful massacre by the Lebanese Forces, we call on our citizens to be more aware," said a joint statement by Muslim, left-wing and pro-Syrian parties.

The statement called for a general strike today in protest at the bombing as owners of demolished shops and vegetable push carts inspected the damage yesterday.

*Earth movers cleared black*ened rubble, broken glass and the wreckage of about 20 cars. Civil defence rescue teams had clawed through the rubble of wrecked buildings, and called off their search after dragging a 33-year-old survivor, a grocer, to safety just after midnight yesterday.

The man, who was not identified, had been buried for more than 16 hours. He was taken to Batroun hospital, 15 *miles south of Tripoli.*

Police said that no one else was listed as missing or believed to be buried in the shopping centre wreckage.

Saturday's atrocity was the first serious car bombing in Lebanon this year.

There were 16 car bombings in 1987, in which 57 people died and 288 were wounded.

It was also the bloodiest perpetrated in the country since March 8, 1985, when 80 people were killed and 250 wounded in the Shia Muslim district of Bir al-Abed, in the south of Beirut.

Palestinians return to work as Israel relaxes refugee camp curfews

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Palestinians from the occupied territories went quietly back to work in Israel yesterday as controls were lifted which have kept more than 400,000 refugees under curfew in 23 camps since the assassination a week ago of Khalil al-Wazir, the PLO military commander known by his *nom de guerre*, Abu Jihad.

The ending of the curfew was most joyfully greeted at Jelazoun camp, north of Ramallah on the West Bank, which had been closed for a record 38 days. Fresh food was running short and health in the camp had been put at risk by the accumulation of rubbish.

Military sources said the restrictions were lifted because they had succeeded in restoring relative quiet to the occupied territories last week, despite protests about the killing of Abu Jihad and expected protests by Palestinians to mark Israel's Independence Day. But four Palestinians died from Israeli gunfire on Friday and Saturday.

The further important easing of controls was also aimed at helping the return to work. This was to allow fuel oil and petrol to be delivered in the occupied territories for the first time in a month.

Mr Chaim Bar-Lev, the Police Minister, reported to the Cabinet yesterday that there had been an increase in the number of clashes over the past week but this was largely because of trouble in Jerusalem, and not in the territories. It seems that Major-General Amram Mitzna, in command of the Jerusalem area, has decided he must try to break the commercial strike on the Arab side of the city, which is the most obvious sign of Palestinian defiance.

On Saturday, he began by issuing an order – based on regulations used during British Mandate days – to the owners of 25 shops just outside the Damascus Gate to open all day rather than for the three hours approved by the leaders of the unrest.

Sources claimed that a delegation of shopkeepers, desperately short of money because the commercial strike has now lasted three months, had secretly asked for the orders to be issued so they could appear to have been forced to open and so avoid punishment for strike-breaking. Several shops which broke the strike order were set on fire some months ago.

Yesterday, despite the orders and police patrols trying to enforce them, all 25 shops remained closed. They were each marked in white paint with a number, presumably for identification in future legal proceedings.

Faced with the continuing closure, General Mitzna issued a new order yesterday afternoon, instructing the shopkeepers to remain shut between 2pm and 7pm. The leaders of the unrest have ruled that the shops should open for three hours during this period, so a trial of strength is now under way. The shopkeepers have been warned that, if they disobey the new orders, their businesses could be closed for six months and they could face two-year prison sentences. A similar confrontation took place yesterday at Tulkarm in the northern West Bank, where the Army shut shops as they began to open during the afternoon, the time laid down by the strike leaders.

● **Soldier sentenced:** A military court yesterday gave a five-month suspended sentence to an Israeli soldier filmed beating two Palestinian prisoners in the occupied West Bank (AFP reports). The tribunal also demoted Corporal Saguy Harpaz for conduct damaging to the reputation of the Israeli Army.

● **ROME:** A peace plan making the European Community responsible for the occupied West Bank has been proposed by Signor Bettino Craxi, leader of the Italian Socialist Party (Roger Boyes writes).

The plan, which has yet to secure the backing of the Government, would have the European Community taking an administrative mandate in the occupied territories and guaranteeing the security of Israel until an international conference worked out a Jordanian-Palestinian federation.

Roh wins a straw poll down on farm

From Gavin Bell, Sinyong, South Korea

As President Roh Tae Woo of South Korea was holding court beneath the glittering chandeliers of his palace, an old peasant woman smiled, a cock crowed, and a cow was gazing inquisitively through an open door.

In Seoul, Mr Roh was denouncing corruption in government, pledging democratic reforms, and proclaiming a "great era of the common man". In the farming village of Sinyong, where he was born, Mrs Seo Im Dol, aged 87, turned from her television and said: "He's just like his mother, so modest and generous."

Mr Roh, aged 55, has come a long way from the rural hamlet where is remembered as a barefoot schoolboy and a good whistler, to the corridors of power in the capital. He is facing the first big test of his administration in general elections tomorrow which will either ensure or cripple his ability to govern effectively for the next five years.

Throughout the country, agents of his Democratic Justice Party are engaged in fierce contests for marginal seats with a fragmented but still powerful opposition. It is a boisterous and ugly campaign, soured by bribery, slander and sporadic violence.

Sinyong is perhaps not the best place to gauge the mood of the electorate. As far as can be ascertained, all the voters in its 52 households voted for Mr Roh in the presidential election last November.

The latest political furore is far removed from the calm of his birthplace, at the head of a pretty, wooded valley in the central province of North Kyongsang. The peach blossoms are in full bloom on the terraced hillsides, a lone peasant girl tills the soil and goats lap undisturbed from a roadside brook.

The posters of five candidates standing in the provincial capital of Taegu are displayed neatly on the whitewashed wall of a farmyard. An old man with a crude plough strapped to his back, leading his cow to a field down the valley, pauses briefly to regard them and passes on. Politicians may come and go, but the land is eternal and harvest-time is approaching.

The only sign of the changing times is a young policeman in casual clothes who has been assigned to guard the clay and straw house where Mr Roh was born. His most onerous task to date has been to show curious visitors around the low-roofed building.

A sign above the door says: "The colour of pine trees never changes," a lyrical reference to the virtues of probity and loyalty to high officials. The property is now occupied by a local farmer and his wife, but two rooms are kept vacant for occasional visits by Mr Roh's 81-year-old mother.

In accordance with an election pledge, the President disclosed his personal assets last week. The farm with its rice and dry paddies was valued at £36,000. Mr Roh left it when he was 12 years old after his father, the village clerk, had been killed by a train while riding a bicycle.

When he returned recently in happier circumstances, Mrs Seo recalled that he was wearing shoes, but otherwise he had not changed much: "He held my hand, and I patted his shoulder like I used to. Such a nice boy." Mr Koo Chang Bong, a fruit and rice farmer, shares her affection for Mr Roh but has an astute view of the political turmoil surrounding him.

"Roh is an honest and generous man, but I doubt whether all of those around him are the same. Maybe they will try to be like the old autocratic regime. I think it is important to keep them in check, and that is why some of us may vote for opposition candidates."

Unofficial opinion polls indicate that Mr Koo's concern about the future of Korea's nascent democracy are widely shared, and could spell trouble for the ruling party.

But, judging by the courteous and hospitable folk of Sinyong, Mr Roh comes from good stock. No matter which party wins the most parliamentary seats, they are confident the fate of their country is in safe hands.

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Kabul's army flees three key districts amid rebel pressure

From Edward Gorman, Peshawar

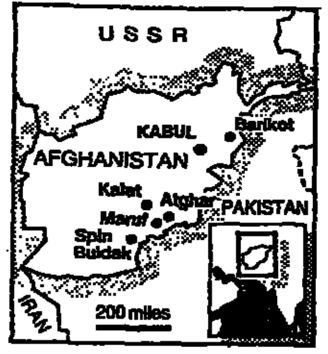
Soviet and Afghan troops, fearing a massive onslaught by Mujahidin guerrillas, have made emergency airborne evacuations from three strategic postions close to the Pakistan border since Friday, guerrilla sources said here yesterday.

On Friday they pulled out of the key post of Barikot in Kunar province, which government forces had held at great cost throughout the war, and from Maruf, in Kandahar province. On Saturday, Atghar, in Zabul province, was abandoned.

The Mujahidin said they later took control of the towns. No independent confirmation of the reports was immediately available.

However, graphic details have emerged of the reported evacuation from Barikot, by the 55th Brigade of the Afghan Army.It came after months of heavy fighting as the Mujahidin laid siege to the post from the surrounding hillside. According to resistance and diplomatic sources here, scores of helicopters and jets flew up the Kunar Valley towards Barikot at about noon (local time) on Friday and began to bomb the area around the fort.

Helicopters then landed inside the perimeter, airlifting Afghan infantry and commando units, together with between five and 10 Soviet "advisers", to safety elsewhere. The last of the troops to leave destroyed the ammunition dump. Government casualties are not known, but the guerrillas say they lost 17 killed and 16 wounded in the bombing and fighting prior to the evacuation.



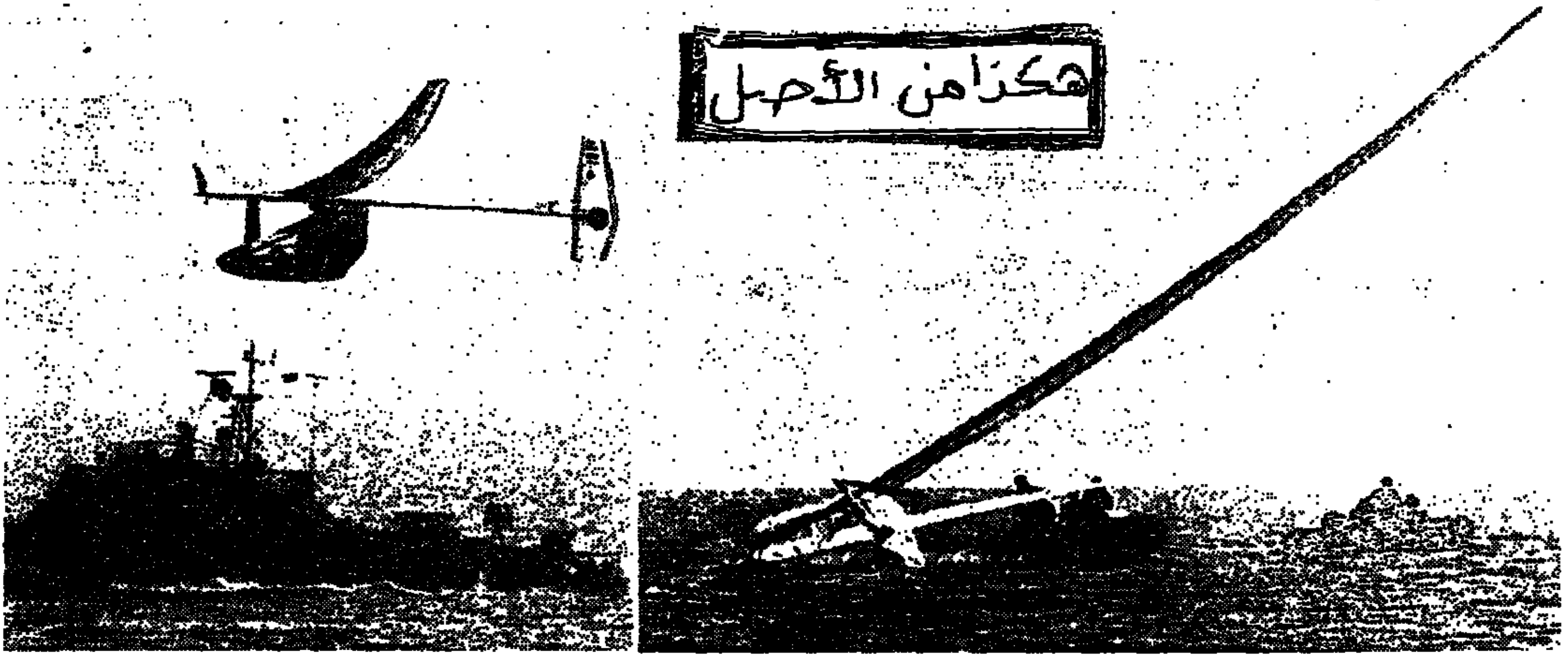
Western diplomatic analysts believe that government troops had received word of a huge onslaught planned by the Mujahidin. Guerrillas in the Barikot area were using 82 mm mortars, 107 mm ground-to-ground rockets and BM 12 multiple rocket-launchers.

There was also a report that the Mujahidin had used new rocket-assisted, Chinese-made, mine-clearing equipment to great effect around Barikot and were for the first time threatening to overrun it.

The debacle at Barikot is seen as highly significant as Soviet troops prepare to leave Afghanistan. Over the years the regime has expended thousands of Soviet and Afghan lives trying to resupply the fort overland along the treacherous Kunar river road.

The decision to evacuate Barikot, along with the towns of Atghar and Maruf, also suggests that Kabul military chiefs believe they can no longer justify sacrificing soldiers for such remote positions without full Soviet military and airborne support. Analysts believe the coming months may see an increasing number of evacuations.

Modern Daedalus turns myth into reality



Daedalus begins its human-powered flight successfully, left; but is forced by sudden turbulence to crash in the sea off the volcanic island of Santorini.

Athens – Kanellos Kanellopoulos, 14-times Greek cycling champion, has proved that human-powered flight, as depicted in the myth of Daedalus, is possible *(Mario Modiano writes).*

He flew 74 miles from Crete to the island of Santorini, but in the process crash-landed and was forced to swim ashore for the last few yards. Despite this last-minute mishap, his achievement will eventually help designers of human-powered planes to produce sturdier models that can withstand the stress of sudden gusting winds.

The Greek athlete, who is 31 years old today, used his muscle power not to flap wings like the prototypes, but to pedal non-stop a hi-tech glider-like craft, designed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from Crete to the island of Santorini.

He completed the 74 miles in three hours, 54 minutes, thanks to unexpected tail winds. "Some Greek gods must have wanted him to win," said Miss Peggie Scott, speaking for the Daedalus Project team.

It was a flawless flight at an altitude of 20 ft, the craft glistening in the morning Aegean sun like a mythical bird with a 112 ft wingspan – until it came in to land on the black sand beach of Perivoli on volcanic Santorini.

There was sudden turbulence, and gusting head winds. The project leaders from a back-up Greek Navy vessel urged Mr Kanellopoulos to turn to be able to land.

"I turned, but the tail-boom could not take the stress and it snapped," he said. "Then the wings folded." The craft disintegrated as it settled some 10 yards from the shore.

"I was not worried because the job had been done," he said. "So I dived under the debris and swam ashore." He was given a hero's welcome by hundreds of people from Santorini massed on the beach.

The debris of the craft was collected and put on a trailer. It will be pieced together and put on display here.

Miss Scott said that, as with a previous crash of a prototype, there would be close scrutiny of the causes, resulting eventually in design changes for the next generation of human-powered aircraft.

Asked if there was any military use for this craft, Miss Scott said she did not know of any object that did not. The US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) had financed research for the project.

Three observers of the International Aeronautics Federation had followed the experiment and will report on which records had been broken.

Letter from Managua

Baseball pitches in despite crisis

It might seem surprising that last week in Nicaragua, where the Government has been absorbed in negotiations that could finally bring an end to the protracted civil war, ordinary people have been more engrossed in baseball.

As the Contras wrangled with the Sandinistas over the destiny of the nation, most Nicaraguans were tuned to radio stations broadcasting the fifth game in the national equivalent of the World Series.

In Nicaragua, as in other Latin American countries which have been occupied by US forces from time to time, baseball is embedded in the national culture. It is a legacy of US influence that even a nationalist anti-American revolution has not attempted to change, and it's one of the few passions that the Sandinistas share with their opponents.

Commander Ortega: He and President brother both fans.

Commander Humberto Ortega, the Defence Minister and the brother of the President – who is also a baseball fanatic – cheered from the stands on Thursday night as the Managua Dantos took the lead in the final match with the Atlantic Coast, which earlier in the series had seemed on the verge of clinching the national championship.

In this country polarized by war, even baseball has political overtones. The Atlantic Coast team, composed of English-speaking descendants of African slaves brought to that region by British colonists centuries ago, have built up a huge following in Spanish-speaking Managua, despite differences in language and culture.

"We are the underdogs," said Ricky Nelson, the star hitter for the Atlantic Coast. "That's why they like us."

"The Dantos are the army team. That's why people support the Atlantic Coast," said Señor Alfredo Leiba, a lorry driver with extensive knowledge of the national sport.

Berman Suárez, the Dantos captain, said: "It's not true we are an army team. "Sure there are five or six soldiers on our side, but we are an ordinary Managua team. Those people are confused."

Nevertheless, the word *danto*, a Nicaraguan variety of wild boar, was the *nom-de-guerre* of a famous Sandinista revolutionary hero. The colours of the Dantos are red and navy blue, indistinguishable at 50 ft from the red and black symbol of the ruling Sandinista Front. By contrast, the Atlantic Coast wears blue and white, the colours of the Nicaraguan flag, which have been adopted by some opposition groups and the Contras.

"The Dantos are a better team," admitted Juana Maria González, aged 16, a Managua high-school pupil. "But I support the Atlantic Coast because they're nicer."

Cultural as well as political sympathies explain the Atlantic Coast's sudden rise to popularity. Since the revolution, younger Spanish-speaking inhabitants of the main population centres on the Pacific coast have discovered the Caribbean culture of their Atlantic brethren disdained and neglected for centuries. In Managua discos, reggae has become as popular as the Latin rhythms of merengue and salsa.

Unlike the war, which no one seems to be winning, and unlike the peace negotiations, which seem to be going nowhere, the Nicaraguan baseball championships disappointed no one in the sense of producing an indisputable victor. The Dantos trounced the Atlantic Coast 14-4.

"This is a national catharsis," a foreign observer remarked. "If only the war could be settled by home runs, instead of guns."

David Gollob

Floods hit Kenya

Nairobi (AP) – Ten people drowned and thousands were made homeless after three days of torrential rain throughout Kenya. The deaths raised the toll from flooding this month to 21. A landslide just outside Nairobi washed away the main railway line to western Kenya, which also serves Uganda. Officials said that it would take three days to repair.

Flag selection

Peking (AFP) – A short list of 52 designs for a new flag for Hong Kong, once it reverts to Chinese rule, has been chosen from more than 7,000 submissions. The designs will go on display next month here and in Hong Kong.

Monks killed

Delhi (Reuter) – Chinese authorities shot or beat to death 16 Tibetan monks and arrested 840 after violent protests in Lhasa last month, the Tibetan Youth Congress, an exile group in India, said.

Asylum snub

Singapore (Reuter) – The Government said Canada had offered Mr Chia Thye Poh, Singapore's longest-serving political detainee, asylum last year but he turned it down.

Single choice

Yaounde (AFP) – Cameroon was voting in a general election and a presidential poll, in which President Biya was the only candidate.

Escapee held

Istanbul (Reuter) – One of 29 political prisoners who escaped from prison last month has been recaptured.

Ferry deaths

Accra (AFP) – Forty Ghanaian women and children were feared drowned after a ferry capsized on Lake Volta.

Train blaze

Milan (Reuter) – Two hundred passengers fled a Geneva-Milan express train after it caught fire in a tunnel.

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Publicity or just propaganda?

● This week Tony Blair, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, will table a question to the Government. Will the poll tax be advertised? And what will it cost?

● It will be the latest missile in his war on what Labour calls propaganda and the Tories call public information.

● How political is government advertising? Should the IBA reject more of it? **Andrew Lycett investigates**

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Pushing the message: above, the DHSS Aids campaign and below, top designer Bruce Oldfield sells the 1992 Single Market for the DTI

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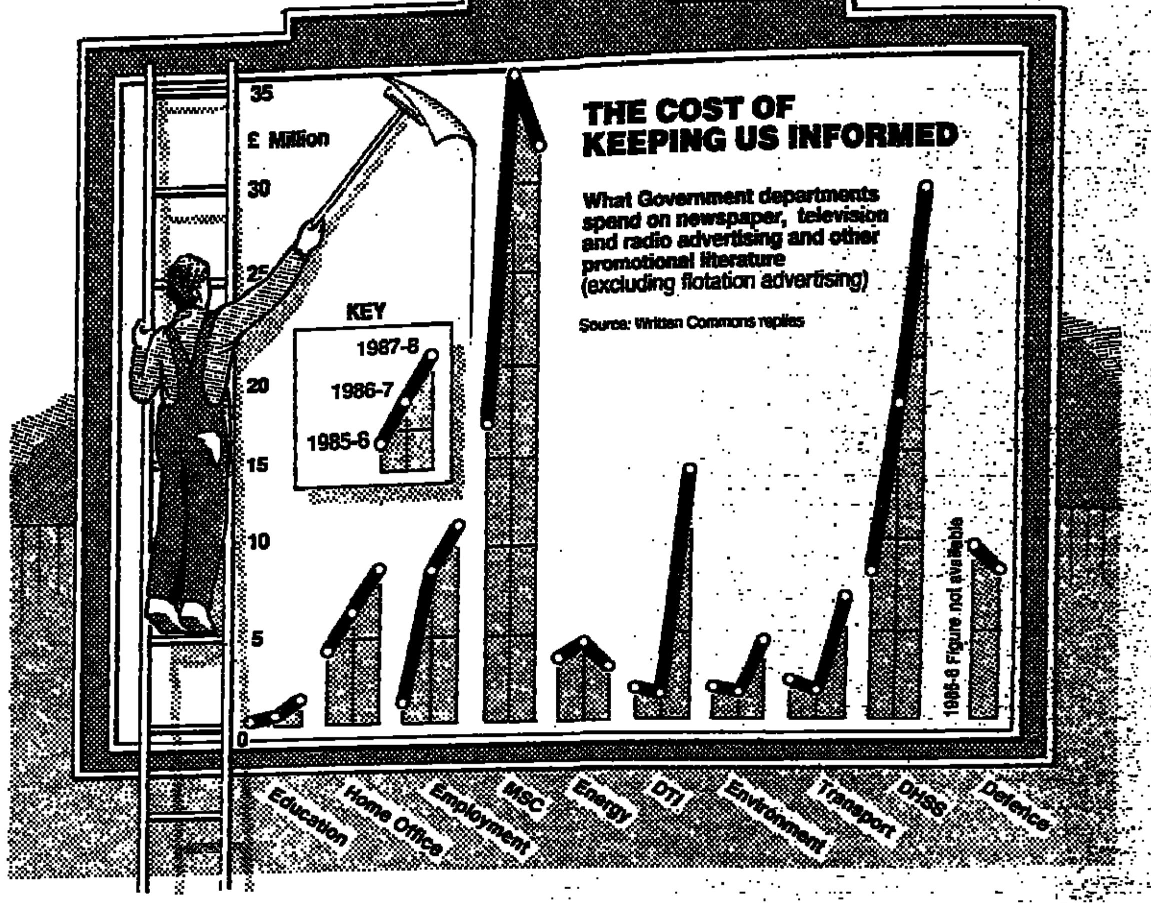

Scene: an office complex close to Westminster Abbey. Lights go on in one room after another. Eventually the whole building is bathed in blue and white light. A pulse of laser light surges out of the building, over the landscape, until with a flash it hits a factory. A voice-over booms: "There is a new drive behind British business. A force that could transform the performance of your company. It is the Enterprise Initiative from the DTI and its benefit will be felt in almost every area of commerce."

This is a television advertisement for the Department of Trade and Industry. The last sentence of it particularly rankles with Tony Blair, Labour's spokesman on trade and industry. In a letter last month to Lord Thomson of Monifieth, chairman of the IBA, he described it as a "a highly controversial claim".

Blair wrote to express his "deep concern about the Government's use of television advertising" to promote its policies "in a most partisan and one-sided fashion". He reminded Lord Thomson of the IBA's responsibilities under the 1973 Broadcasting Act to ensure impartiality – both in programmes and advertisements – in "matters of political or industrial policy or relating to current public policy". Lord Thomson replied that the IBA took these responsibilities "very seriously" and regularly vetted government advertising. Blair was unimpressed; he castigated the IBA chairman's reply as "wholly inadequate".

A rising young star on the Labour front bench, Blair is leading the Opposition's niggling exploration of what could become an embarrassing wound in Mrs Thatcher's side. He notes that government outlay on advertising has jumped from £22 million a year in 1985-6 to more than £100 million this year. In his own patch, DTI promotional expenditure has risen from £2 million to more than £13 million in the same period.

He believes it no accident that much spending is concentrated in politically controversial areas, such as unemployment, inner cities, social security, and even the poll tax. Earlier this month a new DTI television advertising campaign began – on the benefits of the European Single Market. The initial phase of the campaign cost £5 million and a reported £10 million more may be spent. But the DTI refuses to divulge the budget because spending will be geared to how well the idea of the single market takes root. A parliamentary question from Blair elicited the information that the 20 conferences – each preceded by a £5-per-head breakfast – which will be held to publicize the Single Market to regional businessmen will cost £300,000 in all.

Blair is not the only politician concerned about the Government's use of the media. Jack Straw, Labour spokesman on education, objected to Kenneth Baker, his opposite number, taking a stall at the recent Ideal Home Exhibition to promote government education policies. By parliamentary questioning he discovered that hire of a 12ft video screen cost £28,730, but Baker refused to say how much his department was paying for the stand. Straw fired off a letter to Robert Sheldon, chairman of the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee. He suggested Baker was promoting not just policies but also controversial aspects of the Education Bill which had yet to be agreed by Parliament. This, he said, was against the Cabinet's own guidelines on publicity and advertising – "a blatant use of public money on party political propaganda".

Last year the Central Office of Information (COI), Whitehall's executive information agency, issued a 12-page booklet on the poll tax before legislation had been passed. Jeffrey Rooker, shadow local government minister, wrote to the Prime Minister to complain. The poll tax still has some way to go before it reaches the statute book – but there are unconfirmed reports that the Government is already planning an advertising campaign.

Other examples of what angry Labour MPs call government propaganda on the taxes include the DHSS's new £6 million campaign on social security payments and the Department of the Environment's plan, starting next month, to erect thousands of blue plaques with the logo Action for Cities marking government action in 57 inner city areas.

Labour's persistent questioning has already sparked the Commons Public Accounts Committee to ask the National Audit Office whether the Government is spending too much on advertising. More specifically, John Major, chief secretary to the Treasury, has written to Lord Young, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, querying the steep increase in advertising expenditure in the latter's department.

For Labour there may be easy political points in the issue. It was only late last month that the Tories' hotly contested Local Government Act received the Royal Assent, an Act conceived as a rap on the knuckles for local councils, like Ken Livingstone's GLC, which were subsidizing "propaganda on the rates". So concerned was the Cabinet Office about the issues that it commissioned a report from David Widdicombe, QC. His Central Government Conventions on Publicity and Advertising, dated April 1985, reaffirmed the principles that the content, tone and presentation of publicity should not be party political, its distribution should be carefully controlled and its costs justifiable.

As recently as 1969, the largest item of government advertising expenditure was recruitment for the Armed Forces. From the early 1970s governments began spending more heavily on three main areas – social modification (campaigns against drunken driving, heart disease, Aids and so on), privatization (a feature of recent years) and ad hoc policy initiatives, such as the DTI's Enterprise Initiative.

Mrs Thatcher is not the first Prime Minister to promote pet schemes. In 1975 Harold Wilson set up a Counter-Inflation Unit, headed by former *Daily Mirror* industrial correspondent Geoffrey Goodman. The budget was £2.5 million, of which about 20 per cent was reserved for promotion. But when Goodman tried to advertise the unit's policies on television, the IBA refused. "Although the government had the support of the CBI, TUC and even certain Conservative MPs," Goodman recalls, "the IBA objected on the grounds that the issue was not a consensus one; it had not been accepted by the Conservative opposition. If anything, David Young is being more party political than what we were trying to do."

Lord Young is roundly dismissive of his objectors. He jokes that if Blair would "care to identify the Tory party with success and the Labour party with failure then they [the DTI's advertisements] are political". But his main argument is that they are "informational". His department used to have 60 schemes for promoting businesses. He has called them "the best kept secrets in the land". "We could have taught GCHQ a thing or two," says a DTI colleague. Under the Enterprise Initiative Lord Young has cut that figure down to six main schemes, and he is determined to use modern marketing techniques to make them as widely known as possible. "In the old days all the large companies used to get the DTI's money," he says. "I'm determined to get smaller and medium sized businesses involved." The object of the exercise is not simply to sell the consultancies (he has set himself a target of one thousand consultancies a month) but also "to influence these companies' attitude to things like design quality and marketing".

Certainly Lord Young is the most bullish of Conservative ministers on advertising. He used it extensively at his former job at Employment, which has the Manpower Services Commission, currently the largest spending government department, under its remit. He says that television advertising helped to make all the long-term unemployed aware of the Government's "Action for Jobs" programme; previously, only a third knew of it.

At the DTI he has brought former advertising executive Peter Luff in as his special adviser. In his Single Market campaign he aims to lift awareness of 1992 and its implications from 16 per cent to over 90 per cent. "Whether we will do it or not, I don't know. But I can't do it without TV."

Critics argue that Lord Young has been marginalizing the role of the COI, the traditional liaison between government departments and advertising agencies. The COI is responsible for £150 million worth of government promotional activity each year, two thirds of it advertising. The Secretary of State denies this. "I work with the COI all the way through," he says. "They're delighted that someone takes such an interest."

Undaunted, Tony Blair promises to "make a major issue" of these themes. "The line between giving the public the facts and pushing a political philosophy has become blurred," he says. "The Government's position is shot through with hypocrisy. We want to establish the precedent that the Opposition should be consulted fully about such contentious campaigns as the DTI's Enterprise Initiative. If the IBA is serious about its duty of impartiality, it is wrong that it should accept these type of advertisements."

THE CAMPAIGNS AND THE COSTS

Main campaigns launched in the last 12 months

Crime Prevention, Home Office	(over 3 yr) £11m
Aids, DHSS (from Jan 88 Health Education Authority)	£7m
Action for Jobs, MSC (from Oct 87 Employment)	£7m
Job Training Scheme, MSC	£7m
Forces recruitment, Defence	£7m
Youth Training Scheme, MSC	£6m
European Single Market, DTI	£6m
Social Security, DHSS	£6m
Enterprise Initiative, DTI	£5m
Fire Prevention, Home Office	£4m
Drinking and Driving, Transport	£2.5m
Unemployment, Employment	£2m
Export credits, ECGD	£500,000
BP flotation	£18m
Rolls-Royce flotation	£2m

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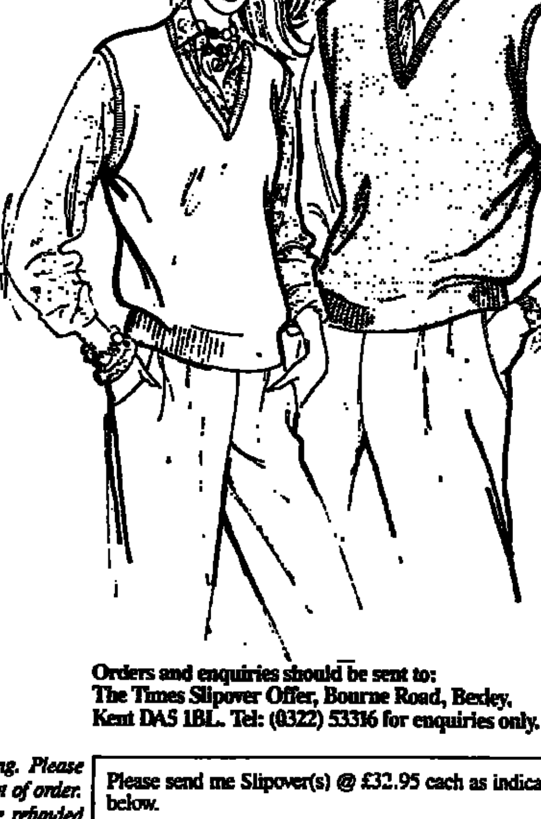

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The age of new enlightenment

Today sees the launch of the Radical Society. **John Horam** explains why Britain needs it

Fighting bureaucracy: Norman Tebbit and Brian Walden

An eminent Conservative historian once claimed that for the Conservative Party to be radical was a contradiction in terms. It is ironic, therefore, that last week's furore over the community charge was provoked by a Conservative measure to bring about root and branch reform of local taxation.

Other domestic issues show a similar picture. The exact degree of radicalism being shown by the Government over personal taxation, social security, education and housing, or exactly how far it will go on health care, is a matter for debate. But, undeniably, the existing arrangements are being consciously altered, and it is a Conservative government which is doing it.

By contrast the Labour Party, which has historically claimed to be radical, is fairly solidly lined up behind the status quo. In some areas, such as health care, it argues that the existing system is fine and requires only additional libations of taxpayers' money. In others, such as rating reform, it concedes that the existing system is faulty but still declines to advance any new solutions.

Indeed it can be argued that the present Labour Party is actually the most conservative, least radical, there has been for it is led by the Kinnockite "soft left". The Social Democrats, in their short history, were also (except for David Owen) very unradical because they were the true inheritors of the post-war consensus, and were therefore content to tinker in a well-meaning way. Most, logically, have joined up with the Liberals, who are equally unradical because they long ago swapped Liberalism for collectivism. In any case it is difficult to be radical and moderate.

The lack of Liberal radicality is particularly sad since the *Shorter Oxford Dictionary*'s definition of "radical" includes the phrase "belonging to extreme section of the Liberal party".

Yet there is some truth in this precise definition, for the Liberals who opposed the merger with the SDP do seem to be both more liberal and more radical than the Steelites. Indeed, they have quite a lot in common with the left wing of the Labour Party which, whatever one's views about the merits of its position, is clearly more radical, in the true sense of favouring root-and-branch reform, than the mainstream Labour Party.

A ranking of the parties according to their current degree of radicalism might therefore go: (1) Conservatives, (2) Bennites, and left-wing Liberals, (3) Owenites, (4) Social and Liberal Democrats, (5) Labour.

This is not at all what was thought when the corporate welfare state seemed to be marching inexorably towards the 21st century. But that, of course, is precisely the point. When the collectivist consensus began to collapse under the strain of its inner contradictions, it could only go towards an even more brutal form (socialism, fascism) or try out a more individualistic approach, reflected in modern liberal Conservatism. Fortunately the Conservatives won.

Almost everything the Conservatives do, therefore, is inescapably radical, for they are in the vanguard of the attempt to overthrow the post-war collectivist approach in favour of a more individualistic ethic. This accounts for the acute discomfiture of many "progressive" intellectuals whose elitist view of the world has suddenly been exposed as wholly out of touch with reality.

For true radicals, however, it is an exciting time, as it always is when a society suddenly sees what to do and how to do it, after a long period of feeling that it could not solve any of its problems. It must have been thus in New Deal America or France under de Gaulle, or in West Germany during the *Wirtschaftswunder*.

And there is a lot to do. Decades of gathering collectivism will not be undone in 10 years, or even 20, or 30. Even now the state gobbles up over 42 per cent of all we produce each year and total taxation is higher than it was in the 1970s.

Moreover, in a sense the collectivists were right when they became so confident that the future was theirs. For not only do bureaucracies have their own dynamic (look at Russia) but many world problems (drugs, terrorism, pollution) will demand collaborative action and thus inevitably a larger government role.

Perhaps all the more reason, therefore, in a world with many shades of Orwell, to fight for the individual. Freedom truly does need constant vigilance. Today the Radical Society, whose committee includes Norman Tebbit, Lord Chapple, Brian Walden and Lord Marsh, announces its formation, to fight privilege, hierarchy, bureaucracy and collectivism, and to gather people from all parties who want to contribute to the debate about more individualistic solutions. It is overdue.

The author, a former Labour minister, is now a member of the Conservative Party and a committee member of the Radical Society.

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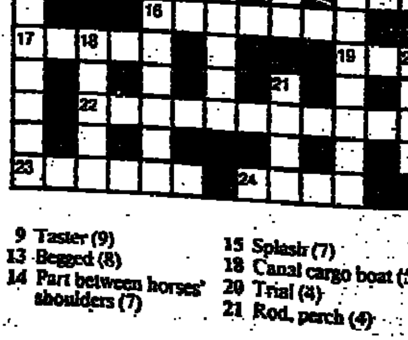

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In honour of an old affair

Michael Burn's publication of his late wife's secret love-letters is, says Libby Purves, a selfless act of love

It does not often fall to an elderly widower to publish his late wife's love-letters to another man; nor to produce a book in passionate defence of her former lover's reputation. But many strange, selfless acts of emotional gallantry came out of the Second World War, and Michael Burn's book *Mary and Richard* belongs utterly, in spirit and in theme, to that wartime world. It is a document of great love and horrible pain and of a man's struggle against cynicism in a confused time; I think it does credit to the heroine's husband (whom she met and married four years after the affair *in question*) that he chose at last to edit and publish a certain packet of letters which he found, one wet November day 14 years ago, among his late wife's *effects*.

The love affair which his wife (then Mary Booker) conducted in these letters was with Richard Hillary: a remarkable *young man whose reputation* has been seriously traduced. Hillary was a *Spitfire pilot in the* Battle of Britain, who was shot down at 22 and left with horrible burns to his face and ruined hands. He was taken up by Sir Archibald McIndoe, the pioneer of plastic surgery, to undergo a series of dangerous and highly experimental operations to rebuild his face. He wrote his famous book, *The Last Enemy*, about this experience, and about his own spiritual journey from flippant undergraduate cynicism — "the mass of mankind leaves me cold" — to a sense of universal compassion, and a vision *of the war as a crusade for* all humanity. It is one of the most powerful pieces of wartime writing we have.

At the same time, he confirms the vision of writers like Saint-Exupéry about the odd exaltation of wartime fliers: "The pilot is of a race of men who since time immemorial have been inarticulate; who, through their daily contact with death, have realized certain fundamental things. It is only in the air that the pilot can grasp that feeling, that flash of knowledge, of insight, that matures him beyond his years . . . he finds it difficult to *orientate himself in a world that is so* worldly, amongst a people whose *conversation seems to him brilliant, minds agile and knowledge complete* — yet a people somehow blind. It is very strange."

Mary
'You have left me rich in the memory of fulfilment of love'

The book was enormously popular. Hillary, with his stiff, mutilated new face, was fêted as a hero (except in America, where he went to talk to industrial workers about the men whose planes they were building, but found himself refused a public platform because his appearance might turn American women against the idea of sending their own men to war. He was humiliated: he had not realized how bad he still looked). But he was unhappy with his heroic status anyway — he had served a very short time, and had seen better men killed. He argued his way back into active service as a night-flyer, and was killed in training in 1943.

Immediately, Hillary's life and death began to be mythologized. *Arthur Koestler wrote of him* as a moth once burnt, "crawling back into *the flame*"; and *the suggestion of* suicide grew in currency. In 1944, John Middleton Murry wrote an essay suggesting that Hillary had never really believed in the "crusade", but was driven to seek death deliberately: "In Hillary the deep urge of contemporary society towards death is made visible. He is the dazzling white of the foam on the great wave of death." A later biographer, Lovat Dickson, in*troduced the idea of an "unhappy love* affair".

The lovers: she saw him not as a hero, but as a selfish, self-interested youth

It is this impression — of a noble, ruined, unhappy young man driven to a symbolic suicide, which the letters in Michael Burn's boxroom are able to correct. *Hillary's friends had never* accepted the suicide theory: for one thing, he had a radio observer with him, so it would have been murder. For another, they credited him with a *sincere desire to fight for the humani*tarian ideals he had learnt in hospital *and in the air-raids. Now at last,* in these fragile, unseen letters, a less apocalyptic, more human view of him seems to be vindicated. Mary is the key.

Mary Booker was 20 years older than Richard Hillary: a great beauty with white skin and rampaging dark *hair*, divorced, supporting her two children with various jobs. Born in Rio but brought up in England, she had been a "society beauty".

The letters are preserved not out of self-consciousness, but because Richard happened to send her a packet for *safe-keeping. They are wonderful let*ters, although rarely in a high romantic tone. Mary saw Richard whole: not as some half-mythical hero but as a selfish and arrogant youth. After all, his own mother had sat on his hospital bed at the height of his agony and said reflectively: "You should be glad this had to happen to you. Too many people told you how attractive you were, and you believed them. You were well on the way to becoming something of a cad."

His lover, although her relationship with him was tender and passionate, does not hesitate to be equally reproving and often amused. "The unique experience," she writes, "of loving someone who is more interested in himself than he is in *ME*, is one that I find absorbing . . . I assure you that no one who hadn't a colossal core of self-confidence could swallow you *whole* with *such delight.*" Mary rebukes him for his moods of mental laziness, rages at their *lack* of privacy, and hates his absences; but always she remains clearly her *own* woman, which must have been a great part of her *fascination*.

Hillary's letters, on the other hand, convey *changing moods. After the* book is published and the glory begins, *he writes blackly: "It's no good, Mary,* I don't want to fool you. I just don't believe what I *wrote in that book." But* he adds, helplessly: "Sometimes I do. *It's only when I'm with you that* all the tenseness, the anger goes out from me and I'm at peace." *Towards the end of* the correspondence, he becomes surer of the personal ideology he was forming to handle the question of the war and its aftermath. "*Fascism,*" he said in a late speech, "is not a national creed. *It is a state of mind — and all* those who love power more than people will go Fascist . . . we must each ask ourselves, are there no conceivable circumstances in which *I* might turn Fascist? If we can face up to that question, the battle's half-won."

These, and his last letters from RAF Charter Hall, are not the words of a self-absorbed incipient suicide. He may have been stubborn and rash to go back to flying, with his troubled vision and mutilated hands; his doctor, McIndoe, actually pleaded with his CO to ground him for his own safety. But Hillary was not, at the end, depressed or despairing of the world after the war. Nor was he unhappy in love: Mary, he said, would "always fly beside him".

Richard
'It's only with you all the anger goes and I'm at peace'

His last written words to her were in boyish enthusiasm about his new plane: "Lovely machine — everything working, she just purred . . . I'm hoping desperately to get down towards the end of the month. Love you, R." He crashed four days later. Mary's last letters to him are lost, officiously burned by the RAF Effects Officer; but she wrote a farewell and put it in the packet, in the boxroom. Probably nobody ever read it until her second husband found it 30 years later. It ends: "You have left me rich in the *memory of completeness and fulfil*ment of love, and with much to do in *honour of that memory. My darling* I will do my best and if I fail in the small *things of this earth it will be* because I no longer belong down here, but always 'fly beside you'."

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Mary and Richard *by Michael Burn is published by André Deutsch this week (£12.95).*

Becoming part of the nuclear family

Janet Freedman: "If someone is looking over your shoulder, it makes you more careful"

When Janet Freeman finishes her training at the end of the year, she will be in charge of 60 megawatts of electricity — enough to power four cities the size of Bristol. She will be the first woman in Britain to control a nuclear reactor.

Yet she appears to take her responsibilities — both as a trail-blazer for women and as custodian of so much power — in a very down-to-earth way, more puzzled by the interest her appointment has caused than flattered by it.

Freeman, aged 26, is based at Hinkley Point, the Central Electricity Generating Board's premier nuclear site on the Somerset coast, where three huge boxlike buildings house the four reactors which are at the heart of the power station. At the B station, where Freeman works, each of the two advanced gas-cooled reactors produces more power for the national grid than the combined output of the two Magnox-type reactors in the A station.

However, to visitors — like the party of pensioners being given *the guided tour during* my visit — there is little visual evidence of the vast amounts of energy being harnessed through a controlled nuclear chain reaction. Only the noise in the giant turbine hall reminds you what it is all about. After that, the control room itself seems almost peaceful, with its rows of dials, switches and computer screens, though as your ears adjust you become aware of beeping sounds that stir memories of the film *The China Syndrome*.

If Freeman feels any im*patience with the fears of the* layman — particularly post Chernobyl — she hides it well. Yes, she explains, the computer *is signalling a fault.* No, it's not serious. It happens all *the time* and *usually means* there is work being carried out which the computer does not know about, so it thinks there is something wrong. *Why not* tell the computer? Because you would have to remember to tell it when the work was done and if you forgot, then it might not pick up a genuine *problem*.

Two years after Chernobyl, how can Janet Freeman be looking forward to taking charge of a nuclear reactor?

"Because I work in physics I *know that the sort of accident* that happened at Chernobyl can't happen here," Freeman says. "But one of the problems *with the public is that if* you start to explain in detail you are accused of blinding them with too much science, and if you keep it simple you are accused of trying to cover something up.

"We do have high safety standards. But at the same time I don't think that pressure groups do any harm. If someone is looking over your shoulder, it makes you more careful."

She remains unconvinced that there are links between nuclear power stations and the *incidence of cancers* such as leukaemia. "I think sometimes people *decide* in advance what they want to see. I don't think people *have* looked hard enough to see *whether there might be other* causes, or have compared enough different areas."

She wears a special badge which is checked monthly to see how much radiation she has been exposed to. For any task which might involve a "hot" area she would carry a Rad-80 digital monitor which gives an instant reading.

She *intimates* that public attitudes to radiation are *irrational.* "*If you tell someone* living in a stone house that they are getting more radiation than someone who isn't, *are they afraid of the house?*

"A lot of other things are just as hazardous as radiation but because people are used to them they don't mind. And despite all the hazards that people do protest about we are living longer all the time."

After reading physics at Oxford, Freeman joined the CEGB five years ago (encouraged by an uncle who also worked for the board). She began as a reactor physics assistant, carrying out safety studies which she describes as "what happens if . . . ?". Then the opportunity to work as a reactor desk engineer came up and she applied.

When she completes her training she will control one of the nuclear reactors and the associated boilers and turbine; but already she is looking beyond that, to the future: "I think I will stay in the industry. The skills I have acquired are very specialized and the alternative would be to make a complete break and start all over again.

"And it's essential if you are going to go into management to know how the plant works and how people operate it in relation to each other, so I would probably want to stay in this job for at least five years. By that time we'll probably be privatized — and it's difficult to know what the structure will be then."

Meanwhile she is looking forward to her new role. "Before, I was working on fairly long-term projects so I'd be doing the same job for weeks. *With this job you never* know what you'll be doing. *If something comes up during* your shift you deal with it. It *may be having to drop the* power for refuelling, or sending someone out to check something . . ."

There are three shifts a day — 8am to 2pm, 2pm to 10.30pm and 10.30pm to 8am, rotated on a five-week cycle — and she admits this has its drawbacks. "I don't think anybody likes working nights. I certainly don't wander around in the middle of the night — I think I am probably the only woman on site."

Lee Rodwell

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PENNY PERRICK

Were a political pollster, having asked my voting intentions, suddenly to enquire: "*May I ask you what is your* favourite wine?", I would as*sume he was a fervent follower* of the Mergerite Tendency *and was about to invite me to* share a bottle of Muscadet and *a vegetable terrine.*

This scenario is unlikely to *take place in England but it* has already happened in *France, at least the first bit* has. Gault Millau, a resourceful food and wine guide, engaged the French Institute of Political Opinion (IFOP), which conducts political surveys, to ask French men and women of different allegiances what food and wine they liked best.

The interesting thing was that almost all of them — from those to the right of Genghis Khan, who favoured Jean-*Marie Le Pen*, to those who wanted to see the end of capitalism as we know it and who supported the Communist candidate, André *Lajoinie* — wanted the same thing. Which was a nice *gigot d'agneau* and a glass or two of Bordeaux.

The only exceptions were the followers of François Leotard, the minister of culture. *They* voted for fillet of sole *meunière* and champagne. It is thought that because M Leotard is a keen jogger he *appeals* to keep-fit enthusiasts, but I think champagne with *the main* course *is a sign* of the upwardly swanky and I don't trust *them* further than I can throw a *mange-tout* stuffed with *taramasalata.* There is something spooky about people who ask for nothing more than a 15th-century mill in the *Dordogne,* a set of antique champagne flutes and running shoes that cost more than a pair of Chanel high-heeled pumps.

There was no argument about *Riesling*, which was universally approved of as a wine to accompany the first course, and pasta got a resounding *non* from all the political groups except for the mild-mannered supporters of the Socialist Michel Rocard, who *liked it*. And not only liked it, I am willing to bet, but actually made it from organically-grown flour and served it up with pesto prepared from basil leaves grown in their his very own window-boxes.

I think Rocard's fans wear the Gallic equivalent of Dr Scholl sandals and put their hair up in ancient tortoiseshell slides. How pleasant to know that these gentle herbivores are still alive and well enough to tuck into a plate of *nouilles* in M Mitterrand's France, since you don't see them any more on this side of the Channel. Where have all the liberal humanists gone? Gone to management consultancies, every *one*.

I hope the French are congratulating themselves on the shared values which have been revealed by their taste for lamb and St Emilion. Because not to share a taste for the same food reveals a deep schism in a society as well as in more intimate relationships. Political differences are forgotten when mutual passions such as bitter chocolate sorbets and satay are indulged in; minor differences become mountain-high obstacles when one of you likes beef so rare it is practically running around the field and the other likes it cooked to a crisp.

"Left or right, share a leg of lamb tonight" could be the rallying cry that unites a country, or a couple at war with each other.

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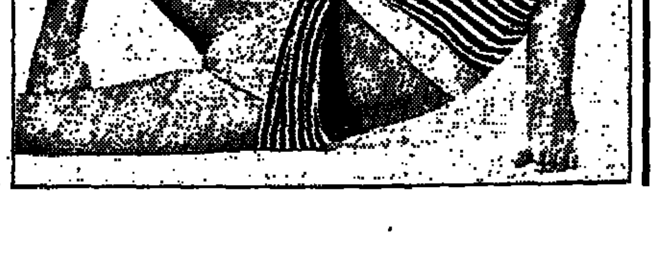

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CLEMENT FREUD

I got back to London from the United States on Monday morning . . . about 12 hours before my baggage made it. The plane landed at 8.45am and luggage started to tumble down the chute at 9.15. By 9.40 there was a distinct air of *déjà vu* about the cases that went round and round looking for their owners. At 9.45 the console stopped and we owners who had lost our cases were referred to Gatwick Handling, six of us basking in new-found friendship — misfortune always accelerating relationships.

There were 14 people in the queue before me, telling their tales, picking from a suitcase catalogue the kinds of pieces they had entrusted to the airline, and where and when. After 10 minutes there were still 14 people ahead of me . . . so I left and telephoned from home. It takes nearly as long for Gatwick Handling to answer the phone as it does to wait, but you can ring in comfort. They were courteous and efficient and the case arrived that evening.

"It's airline policy, guv," said the driver who brought it. "It costs so much to have the plane standing on the tarmac with handlers searching the far corners of the luggage hold they find it cheaper to fly off and have me bring the bags round by cab when they sort them out."

I have always found economics a difficult subject to comprehend.

Kenneth Williams died while I was away. Quite apart from his brilliance, he had an extraordinary ability to impose his mood upon people. I worked with him for 20 years on BBC radio's *Just a Minute*. Sometimes I was depressed, sometimes cheerful, occasionally I would be confident of giving a good performance, now and then wondering whether it wasn't time to pack in radio panel games. Within five minutes of arriving at the studio what mattered was how Kenneth felt.

He was in turn contagiously ebullient and outrageous — and the more outrageous his language, the more modulated became his accent. When he sulked there was no deeper sulk in London W1. He was a lonely man and will be greatly missed by the many lonely people who hitched their wagons to his stardom.

While I was in America Channel 4 showed two weeks of *Countdown*, featuring me on the dictionary. After all those years of anonymity at Westminster I am again recognized in the street. Now and then there are the good guys who come up and say "I enjoyed your programme" or "You made me laugh". Others look at you in such a way as to make it clear that neither of these sentiments applies.

What is harder to handle are folk who believe that as you appeared on a TV screen in *their* house, they have some proprietorial right over you. "You look better on the telly." shouted a man across a cinema foyer last week, meaning either that his set needed to be tuned or he was watching in black and white: I look better in monochrome. "I thought you were taller" is the remark to which I have yet to find a good answer.

While in Parliament the most common greeting I received was "I got your letter". As I wrote to constituents who had moved, suffered bereavement, been accorded honours, or raised money for charity — as well as replying to the hundred-odd letters I received each week — I began by saying "Remind me who you are". That occasioned much disappointment. Then I tried saying "I am so glad the matter is settled," only to be told "Yes, we buried him last Wednesday". In the end I discovered the perfect all-purpose reply: "It was the least I could do".

BARRY FANTONI

'Can't stand here talking all day. I've got 207,000 unopened letters to find an excuse for'

To my mind there is no more agreeable way of spending a spring Saturday than attending a point-to-point, which combines the joy of racing with the need to walk great distances and the opportunity to wager money with bookmakers who are not centrally programmed. The Atherstone Hunt met in their customary amphitheatre of a field at Clifton on Dunsmore on St George's Day.

The weather was excellent, the going perfect, the fences as well constructed as I have seen, the crowd large; and backing five winners, including the 14-1 winner of the Ladies Open, contributed greatly to having a happy time.

Apart from occasionally giving us the runners and riders and telling us what good chaps Jaguar Cars and The Dun Cow Hotel were for sponsoring races, the man on the public address system was obsessed by two matters: the need to join the Field Sports Society and to fight the politically motivated scum trying to outlaw traditional countryside pursuits . . . and litter. "Leave the place tidy," admonished the army/nanny voice over the Tannoy. "Don't drop things on the grass. If you have brought any litter, take it home with you. Pick it up."

And there we were, several thousands of us, knee deep in torn bookies' tickets, paper bags, crisp packets, and discarded pages of the race card, with not a litter-bin in sight on the whole course. As hunts always make deals with local Scout groups to restore the terrain to its pristine state one wonders what the fuss was about.

Perhaps the military man at the microphone just needed people at whom to shout; when I left the Army I joined the AA because I missed being saluted.

Clifford Longley on Lord Ramsey's lifelong quest for unity

The impatient prophet

Recent controversy over the leadership of the Church of England has overlooked one crucial fact: the church is probably unleadable. That was the bitter discovery made by Michael Ramsey when, as Archbishop of Canterbury, he committed all his authority to bringing about the union of Anglicanism with British Methodism. His church heaped praise and applause on him for the far-sightedness of his vision and the nobility of his purpose — and slammed the door in his face. Right up to his death on Saturday he never forgot the hurt.

In spite of the tribulations and disappointments he suffered, Ramsey deserves to be remembered as one the founding fathers of modern Anglicanism. He and his predecessor but one, William Temple, set the agenda that is still on the table: most of the current argument about the church is whether it is the right agenda, the only possible agenda, or a well-intentioned pavement on the road to hell.

There is, for instance, an irony still unfolding in Ramsey's passionate determination to heal the breach with the Methodists. It was seen at the time as an attempt to bring a Free Church out of the cold to share centre stage with the established church.

But other schemes dear to Ramsey's heart took the Church of England nearer and nearer towards being a Free Church itself. And some of the causes he espoused have weakened still further the scope for effective leadership. His failure with the Methodists has been echoed by the two Archbishops of Canterbury since. Lord Coggan tried and failed to launch a national campaign for moral and spiritual renewal; Dr Runcie has tried and failed to win the church's consent for a unity scheme with Methodists and the United Reformed Church.

What they have all found is that the General Synod of the Church of England has become a monster they cannot control: a monster Ramsey helped to create, with the very best of intentions, gaining for it formidable powers over the church's worship and doctrine.

The church emerged from the Ramsey years no longer tied to the apron strings of government, freer than ever before from parliamentary supervision, with almost total self-government. It was a very large step in the process known as creeping Disestablishment; and Ramsey made little secret of his conviction that total Disestablishment was inevitable.

His career as a churchman spanned two very significant dates in the history of the Church of England's relations with the state: 1928 and 1974. He entered Holy Orders in the midst of the Prayer Book crisis, when Parliament had refused, after acrimonious debate, to let the church adopt a modernized version of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

Churchmen of his generation lived their whole lives with the consequences of that decision, and with the resentment it made them feel. Every time they worshipped they were reminded of it; and the cause of Prayer Book revision, and the church's freedom to adopt whatever liturgy it thought most appropriate to the age, began to seem, to many of them, the one essential and necessary condition for the church's revival. It was a misleading obsession, for the explanation of the church's decline lay elsewhere. Ramsey must have realized in his later years that the ultimate achievement of what he had striven for, the 1980 Alternative Service Book, did not in fact work any of the miracles hoped for.

The last day of his period in office, in 1974, was the day he introduced in the House of Lords the step which was designed to undo all the harm that had been done in 1928, the Worship and Doctrine Measure. It gave the General Synod the right to revise the Church of England's formal liturgy with only a nominal parliamentary veto; it established that it was to be for the church itself to decide what was to be the church's official doctrine. It was a symbol of great importance to Ramsey's generation, but not much more than a symbol. Parliament had long lost the habit of treating the Church of England as one more department of state subject to its everyday authority.

It was plain that Ramsey did not regard the Church of England as any kind of ultimate. It was, for him, a provisional church, whose vocation was to lead the way to something better. He was even prepared for it to die, in order that it might rise again, and spoke of the inevitability of heartbreak as this vocation struggled to be born. This sense of provisionality made him a restless ecumenist, always seeking out what next step might be possible: and the convictions which drove him were among the deepest he had. The unity of all the parts of the church of God was, in his mind, no more nor less than God's commandment and he believed unquestioningly that he was doing the work of the Holy Spirit.

The ecumenical issue which had most of his attention was in the idea of unity with the Free churches. But in the longer term, the area where his influence was greatest was in Anglican-Roman Catholic relations. Many detected a natural sympathy in him towards Roman Catholicism that was lacking towards Methodism and the Presbyterian-Congregationalist traditions: he never quite seemed to understand why they were not Anglicans anyway.

Ramsey was in style and appearance very much a patriarchal figure, almost a schoolboy's idea of what God-the-Father might look and sound like; and so the idea of hierarchy came naturally to him. And this sympathy was reciprocated. When all the bishops of the Church of England ringed the sanctuary at Canterbury Cathedral in 1982 to greet Pope John Paul II there was an electric moment when it came to Ramsey's turn and the two men embraced like long-lost brothers, to the spontaneous applause of the congregation.

In Rome they still talk about Ramsey though it is 14 years since he retired. To him must be given the credit for having "sold" the idea of Anglicanism to the Vatican as something to be taken seriously, a worthy equal partner on the world stage. Perhaps he saw in the Roman Church the outline of a possible future answer to the Church of England's search for itself, once it was disestablished, free of Parliament and reunited with its Nonconformist brethren.

And perhaps he was not wrong, but just in too much of a hurry. For if this is the agenda he tried to set, subsequent events are slowly disclosing that it is in fact the only real option. And we call men who see further ahead than the rest, prophets. He even looked like one.

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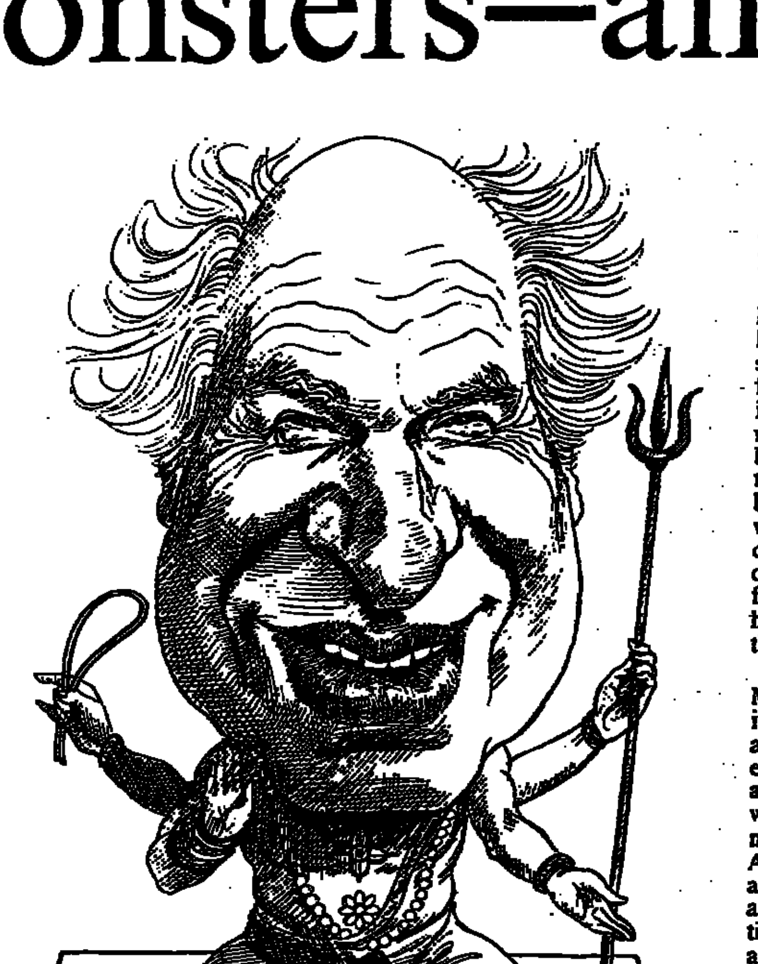
Bernard Levin

Man, monsters—and magic



When the earliest men had finished discovering fire, husbandry, reproduction and hunting, their next task was to wonder what the world was, and how it came into being. Finding no satisfactory answer to those questions (for which it is difficult to blame our ancestors, in view of the fact that nobody has satisfactorily solved the riddle yet) they put them aside until they had leisure enough. And their very next endeavour, probably when they retired into the cave as winter came down, was to make up stories and tell them to one another.

Countless centuries then went by, during which all the tales thus spun were lost forever. But as soon as memory was securely established, and the idea of committing thought to it for future use became common, followed by the invention of means whereby it could be permanently recorded, the human race began to make *and to pass on* tales of rulers and wars, monsters benign and evil, quests and treasure, heroes with magic powers, personified stars, dark regions beneath the earth and bright ones above the firmament, sages and fools, oaths kept and broken, dynasties and traitors, riddles and rituals, impossible tasks triumphantly completed and gnomic utterances successfully interpreted. Epic was born, and there were few cultures without it, from the Assyrians with *Gilgamesh* to the Greeks with the *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, from the northern *Sagas* to the Germanic *Nibelungenlied*, from the English *Beowulf* to the French *Chanson de Roland*:

> *The wild village folk in earth's earliest prime*
> *Could often sit still for an hour at a time*
> *And hear a blind beggar, nor did the tale pall*
> *Because Hector must fight before Hector could fall . . .*

The greatest in scope and size and imagination of all these tales is the Sanskrit epic called *The Mahabharata*. It is immensely long — 15 times the length of the Bible — and literary archaeologists will be excavating layers till the end of time, but its form settled down, more or less permanently, around the 3rd or 4th century AD.

Some 1,600 years later, Peter Brook was born. Half a century or so after that auspicious event he began work on hewing from the 100,000 stanzas of *The Mahabharata* a coherent dramatized version of the epic, and a decade later it was done, and taken on a world tour.

A week or two ago I went to Glasgow (its last stop but one) to see it; it is in three parts, in all nine hours long, and the three "acts" are normally played on successive evenings. Every now and again, however, the whole thing is given in a single day, starting at 1 pm and finishing at 11 at night.

I took — and triumphantly passed — the endurance test, and can testify that it is an experience from which I shall continue to draw strength, wisdom, understanding and recollected joy until the end of my life; and, if some of the premises on which *The Mahabharata* stands are sound, also afterwards.

As you might expect of an Indian epic, it mingles all the orders of being: gods, men and women, demons, creatures made up from all those categories. As you would also expect from such a source, it is shot through with moral ambiguities, summed up towards the end in the simple statement: "No good man is entirely good. No bad man is entirely bad."

Heroes abound, their heroisms subtly differentiated; beauty draws men with a single hair; miraculous births and magic powers abound; great vows are sworn, honour is honoured, noble renunciations are made, identities are uncertain; hate and love, lust and chastity, blood and earth, cruelty and forgiveness, faith and treachery — all these clash and mingle, exchange roles, reveal new meanings. The dead are as real as the living, the gods as capricious as the humans, the destinies as contrary as fate; and the physical spectacle is an epic in itself, composed of fire, water, sand, blood, silk, swords, armour, gold, movement and every colour on earth and in heaven.

Beware the spectacle, though it gives us, a thousand times, the catch in the breath that tells us genius has been at work. Beware it because *The Mahabharata*, prodigiously dramatic and spectacular throughout though it is, is not to be classified under theatrical entertainment. Peter Brook would not spend upwards of a decade on a circus, not even the greatest circus there has ever been. What we *have* here is a unique lode of meaning, what the narrator (who is also part of the work) calls "the poetical history of mankind".

And what *is* the poetical history of mankind? It is a story, like almost all Indian stories, of struggle, inevitably a struggle from the inchoate darkness of ignorance to the light of full realization, beautifully symbolized in *The Mahabharata* by the blind king whose queen binds a veil across her eyes, to be worn for the rest of her life, *in* order that he shall never have cause to reproach her; in what follows death, he has regained his sight, and she has taken off the blindfold.

But the greatest symbol of the Manichaean struggle is the plot itself. Two families, whose lives and purposes are inextricably entwined, go to war, a war of almost total destruction, in which the conflagration is ignited by a fateful game of dice. Again and again — this is an epic, after all — there is a chance to avoid the catastrophe, but each time the characters are swept along by the river of fate; well, Troy could have given back Helen.

Yet "fate" is a dangerously solid concept for something as shimmering and elusive as this masterpiece. Nothing is inevitable until it has happened, and a better word than fate is the Indian "dharma", which runs through the day like a silver thread. To match the universal moral truth that dharma implies (though it is much more than that) is the burden laid upon the players in this gigantic and pitiful game, and if you allow yourself to think that the gods who take part in the action are fulfilling the same role as the Homeric deities guarding their favourites, you will make the long day's journey into night no more than a brilliant and gripping theatrical experience.

Is Krishna, for instance, here man or god? For that matter, is he faithful or treacherous? There is no final scene in which the detective reveals that the butler did it; the whole point of this Krishna is that he is part of our own struggle — indeed, part of us — and we are bound to seek the meaning of our struggle as firmly as he is bound by his dual, perhaps triple or quadruple, nature.

True epic died out of the world with sophistication. It is not easy to envisage anyone today taking a couple of centuries over writing a quarter of a million pairs of rhymed hexameters about the battle between Mr Roy Hattersley and Mr John Prescott.

But the great undying stories from the innocent ancient world will live forever, and the reason can be seen in Glasgow at this very moment. It is because, for all the lurid stories, the impossible bargains and inexorable tragedies, the mysterious figures and their mysterious intentions, the unresolved conflicts and the insoluble puzzles, they are as meaningful and important to us today as ever they were to their audiences and readers over the millenia. If you doubt it, consider this passage, with which I close. It is a catechism shared between the voice of an unseen questioner and the leader of one of the two factions, here undergoing an ordeal:

> What is quicker than the wind? *Thought.* What can cover the earth? *Darkness.* Who are the more numerous, the living or the dead? *The living, because the dead are no longer.* Give me an example of space. *My two hands as one.* An example of grief. *Ignorance.* Of poison. *Desire.* An example of defeat. *Victory.* What is the cause of the world? *Love.* What is your opposite? *Myself.* What is madness? *A forgotten way.* Why do men revolt? *To find beauty, either in life or in death.* What for each of us is inevitable? *Happiness.* And what is the greatest marvel? *Each day, death strikes and we live as though we were immortal. This is what is the greatest marvel.*

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Commentary • ROBIN OAKLEY

Routing the rowdies

It is difficult not to have some sympathy for Neil Kinnock. When John Moore floundered over the Government's social security benefit changes it was Dave Nellist who made the headlines by getting himself thrown out of the Commons. Now, with the Government's majority tumbling to 25 in a major Tory rebellion on the poll tax, public attention is focused instead on the mace-dropping antics of Ron Brown. As a result Mr Kinnock has to devote large chunks of what should have been a triumphal speech to the Scottish TUC berating his own unruly backbenchers.

Iain Macleod, that master wielder of the parliamentary goad, once told Hugh Gaitskell that "the first ten years in opposition are always the worst". Frustration does lead people over the top, and at a time when leaked Downing Street documents reveal those in power talking patronizingly of backbenchers beginning to understand what the poll tax is all about there is enough frustration for Tory MPs, let alone the Opposition.

Even so, the Commons has to find a way of disciplining and deterring MPs who deliberately flout the Speaker's authority and seek personal publicity by disrupting the Commons.

Since 1945 there have been 24 five-day suspensions of MPs who have defied the Chair — seven in the present parliamentary session which began last autumn. It is essentially a Labour problem. Between 1974 and 1980, a period dominated by Labour governments, there were no suspensions. Since 1981 there have been 18 — not one of them Conservative.

Because Labour chooses to elect its Chief Whip he inevitably lacks authority, though it is doubtful if the likes of Nellist and Brown would respond to any form of discipline. But Labour is well aware of the problems. In one of the best speeches in the Ron Brown debate, Frank Dobson, the shadow Leader of the House, pointed out that people represented their constituents by word. "Before words can have influence, they must be heeded. Before words can be heeded, they must be heard. For them to be heard, there must be order."

It was a fact recognized, he reminded those who think rowdyism makes them champions of the working class, in every trade union rule book.

So what should the Commons do to discipline the wreckers? MPs voted for Brown to be suspended for 20 days and to pay for the damage to the mace. An amendment seeking a 60-day suspension and the docking of his pay was not called.

Should the penalties be tougher? Should MPs lose their pay when suspended? Some argue that Parliament has no power to fine MPs. But in fact there is a precedent. In 1645 the House ordered "that no Member do presume to go over the seats or cross the House or discourse or whisper during the sitting of the House, to the disturbance of the House, or read any printed book in the House. And that such Member as shall so offend shall pay 12 pence to the box for the use of the Poor." Allowing for inflation that would be a tidy sum today, and anyway it established the principle.

Moreover, that indefatigable proceduralist Robin Maxwell-Hyslop points out on fining for contempt that a House of Lords select committee in 1956 reported: "There can be no question that the House has the power to punish contempt by imprisonment or fine and the fact that the House has not exercised that power for many years does not preclude the possibility of its future use".

There could be fines or docking of pay, though some would see it as unfair because most of an MP's work is done outside the chamber and continues during suspension. More effective would be a proposal by Robert Maclennan, the joint leader of the Democrats. He wants persistent offenders like Brown not to enjoy the publicity of a full-scale Commons debate on their case but to have their punishment determined, while retaining their right to be heard, by the procedure committee.

It isn't pay which concerns such rebels but the publicity. Take that away, consign their cases to the fustier back rooms in Westminster, and their antics would diminish.

But the Government, it is clear, is in no hurry to act. It is quite content to insist that it is a Commons matter and to shelter behind the procedure committee to be set up this week. While some Tories may seek action for the sake of Parliament's reputation, ministers are more ambivalent. They are in no hurry to lose the political dividends they reap from every episode of Nellist-Brownery.

SCIENCE REPORT

Getting the drift

Supercontinents contain the seeds of their own destruction because, by impeding the flow of energy from the interior of the Earth, they increase the temperature of the rocks beneath them, which leads in due course to their fragmentation.

This is the essence of the explanation given in the current issue of *Nature* by Michael Gurnis, of the California Institute of Technology, for the break-up of the supercontinent Pangaea, believed to have begun 180 million years ago.

Pangaea once comprised most of the Earth's present-day dry land. During the first stage of its fragmentation, Eurasia and North America were first separated, leaving Gondwanaland, which has since fragmented into South America, Africa, Australia and the Indian sub-continent.

Although Gurnis's explanation is not new, the special interest of his argument is his attempt to compare the break-up of Pangaea with that of earlier supercontinents.

On the now current opinion of the history of the Earth's surface during the past 3,000 million years (two thirds of its history), there have been several occasions when the known continents have been assembled into a supercontinent only to be fragmented. This cycle, Gurnis argues, is natural.

That the continents serve as insulating blankets preventing the escape of heat from the interior of the Earth is generally accepted. Their crusts are thicker (up to 20 miles) than the mostly newly formed crust on the floor of the deep oceans, and the material of which they are made conducts heat less well.

Paul Bryant

Using a mathematical model, Gurnis shows that such an insulating blanket can affect the flow of heat and material deep in the mantle of the Earth and the layer of material beneath the crust which, over long periods of time, moves and deforms as if it were fluid.

A further conclusion is that the disturbance of the deep mantle beneath a supercontinent can be expected to last longer than the time taken for the continents to break off and separately drift away.

That is the basis for Gurnis's assertion that Pangaea was located over what is now the South Atlantic — an area of volcanic activity with the Earth's surface higher than might be expected. This, he says, is one of the few areas where past supercontinents have distorted the heat balance in the Earth.

On this model of the break-up of the continents, there would episodically have been forces on their undersides caused by hot mantle material welling up from the deep mantle. The episodic character of these forces may explain why fragmenting continents break into substantial slabs.

Gurnis says these slabs will have moved towards parts of the Earth's surface where the underlying mantle is relatively cool before being driven back together again by forces of the same kind. He believes Africa to be an exception to this rule in being located above a hot place in the Earth's mantle, that responsible for the Rift Valley.

Gurnis also estimates that the movement of the continents after the break-up of Pangaea may account for the general inundation of many of them by sea water 100 million years ago. He also calculates that the cycle of assembly and fragmentation of the continents may last for 500 million years, roughly consistent with what is known of the movement of the continents before their assembly into Pangaea.

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LIGACHOV'S CONSTITUENCY

The reappearance of a smiling Mr Ligachov at the side of the Soviet leader on Friday temporarily ended speculation that he, and the ideas he is thought to represent, had been defeated by Mr Gorbachov and the advocates of thoroughgoing *perestroika*. It was undoubtedly meant to. Disunity is not something the Soviet leadership has ever liked to betray to outsiders, especially at crucial junctures of political life, and the All-Union Party Conference, to be held in Moscow at the end of June, is surely one.

This is a meeting that could, if the reform groups get their way, initiate the transformation of the Soviet Union and take it into the 21st century — with the beginnings of a civil state structure, a more market-orientated economy and with room for individual enterprise. If their opponents prevail, however, it could determine that, for the immediate future, even those changes now in progress are regarded as no more than experiments, liable to be stalled or reversed at any time.

Two months before the conference opens, people with an interest in the outcome — and there are many on either side — openly joined battle in the columns of the Soviet press. The bitterness of the public argument was unusual even by the recent standards set by *glasnost*, and honours were even. They still are, despite the speculation about Mr Ligachov's demotion. For even if his position were at risk, the opponents of Mr Gorbachov's reform programme have plenty in reserve. Their strength, either to reverse or to retard the changes Mr Gorbachov has called for, cannot be underestimated.

Their platform, which was set out in detail in a Soviet newspaper article six weeks ago, has appeal for many Russians, including those sympathetic to *perestroika*. Repeating many of Mr Ligachov's public statements and headed "I cannot waive principles", it accused advocates of *perestroika* of forsaking fundamental principles of socialism, pandering to the sensitivities of the intelligentsia and other pre-revolutionary throwbacks, and of trying, mistakenly, to emulate the West. It praised Stalin's personal wisdom and asceticism and expressed approval of the discipline and sense of national purpose which, it claimed, he had fostered.

In its unquestioning acceptance of Marxism-Leninism of the Stalin and Brezhnev vintages, the article illustrated the success of the Soviet propaganda machine in moulding minds. But it also illustrated how many individual and group interests can be opposed to *perestroika* — unless it starts to work.

Generations brought up to profess egalitarianism are concerned that *perestroika*, with its emphasis on "co-operative" enterprise and rewards for performance, will mean less, not more, equality. Accustomed to secure employment and statutory, if corrupt, social services, they see *perestroika* as a call to work harder — probably for less money. Brought up to admire discipline and asceticism as preached by the early Bolsheviks, and reputedly practised by Lenin and Stalin, they see *perestroika* as an implicit expression of approval for Western-style materialism (quite disregarding the degree of unrequited materialism in Soviet life).

Those who have been taught to trace their origins, with pride, to the "working class", resent the favours which Mr Gorbachov has shown to the intelligentsia — whose loyalty to the revolution has always, for them, been suspect. *Perestroika*, in their view, could annul the "leadership" wrested from the rulers by the working class in 1917. They also fear that it could diminish the "leading role of the party", which has brought privilege, comfort and security to many who would not have gained them by virtue of diligence or ability.

But by no means all the worries about *perestroika* relate to the loss of privilege and status. Many are genuine worries of principle. Are not the reforms proposed by Mr Gorbachov, with their respect for the individual over the collective, their approval of the profit motive and the call for more "socialist pluralism" in political life, a perversion of everything Marxism-Leninism has stood for? These are the questions which Mr Gorbachov and his allies are finding it hardest to answer.

They can, as some writers did last week, attack their opponents for offering no positive programme to solve current problems. They can also point out that theory, however admirable, has long diverged from practice. What they have not been able to do, however, is to bring the new and proposed practices into line with the traditional theory.

For in principle — the Marxist-Leninist principles professed by the Soviet Union for 70 years — the ideological purists, to whom Mr Ligachov appeals, are incontrovertibly correct. And the more slowly the promised fruits of the Gorbachov reforms appear — in terms of better living standards for all — the more appeal the platform of his ideological opponents will have. The proliferation of nationalist unrest in distant republics, the Westernization of cultural life and the further castigation of Stalin will only confirm their opinion that *perestroika* is a false course based on false principles.

As yet, the public questioning of *perestroika* is by no means as serious for Mr Gorbachov as the removal last year of Mr Boris Yeltsin — for, it is now said, his over-zealous pursuit of reform. Potentially, however, the ideological objections to what he is doing are the most compelling objections of all, not just to members of the Soviet Communist Party but to the majority of those educated in the Soviet system. Until the Soviet leadership can provide either a radical improvement in living standards or a satisfactory ideological justication for *perestroika* (and preferably both) Mr Gorbachov's power, if not his position, will be vulnerable.

DENMARK'S DANGEROUS WATERS

Britain's decision to postpone all naval visits to Demark before next month's general election there, should help concentrate Danish minds on the most important issue at stake. Do they really want their country to stay in Nato? The question will also be prominent at today's meeting of the Nato Council.

The Danish parliament voted ten days ago to tighten its national ban on nuclear weapons. Although the Danes have refused for more than 30 years to have nuclear weapons stationed on their soil, they have turned a blind eye to the question of visiting warships. Henceforth, they now insist, these too should keep nuclear arms out of Danish waters.

They have not gone as far as the present New Zealand government, which had demanded guarantees from visiting warships that they have no nuclear weapons on board. But the damage they do to Western security is much greater.

This week's meeting of Nato's Nuclear Planning Group (NPG) has already been shifted from Denmark to Brussels as a result — to avoid undue embarrassment in Copenhagen. In the long-term, however, it means that plans for the reinforcement of Denmark in wartime (by Britain among others) will have to be recast or scrapped if this new tighter policy remains in place.

The defence of Denmark means almost as much to the rest of Europe as it does to the Danes themselves, because of its strategic position at the mouth of the Baltic. The Norwegians, moreover, might be tempted to follow suit — thus plunging the whole of Nato's Northern flank into crisis. The "dismay" expressed by Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, and the warning by Mrs Thatcher of "grave consequences" for Nato, reflect just how seriously it is regarded by the allies.

Support for the Western alliance in Scandinavia, has frequently seemed lukewarm. In recent years particularly, a number of anti-Nato measures heve been pushed through Denmark's parliament by the left-wing opposition. But none has been as far-reaching as this one.

Denmark's Prime Minister Mr Poul Schluter, is hoping that next month's snap election might produce a vote of confidence in his minority right-wing coalition. Two years ago Mr Schluter outwitted the left by holding a referendum when he sought ratification of the Single European Act, and got the result he wanted — if only just. Whether a general election (only eight months after the last one) will do the same, is far less certain. Other issues will also be involved. In hoping that the electorate will put the Nato argument first, Mr Schluter is taking a gamble.

To many Americans, a refusal by Denmark to welcome US warships, would be more than just a further manifestation of Northern neutrality. It would serve as confirmation of all their worst suspicions about the European allies. One danger must be that it would revive the call for American troop withdrawals from Western Europe.

Although the threat of a European war has receded in recent years, few would argue for the disbandment of Nato — which remains the best guarantee of Europe's security. Given the continuing disparities between the conventional forces of East and West, nuclear weapons must continue to play a part in the equations of deterrence and defence. Denmark, whose strategic position is more vulnerable than most, has benefited from Nato's protection — and its people must be prepared to accept their responsibilities towards it.

Mr Schluter has shown himself to be a politician of skill and courage. He deserves all the support that the Nato Council today can give him in putting across these arguments to his people.

Planning for forests

From Mr Nigel Anderson

Sir, I write in support of Commander Marten (March 29) and Sir Peter Proby (April 5) to urge that we in the forest industry may be allowed to play our part in strengthening the economy.

There is a general impression that forestry in England is concerned only with coverts for game birds and tax-dodging. The idea that timber is a crop to be sown, tended and harvested for sale is difficult for the layman to understand, but it is a fact. In our case here, for example, it is virtually our sole means of livelihood; farming on our soils is marginal and can only add to the beef mountain.

The broad-leaf policy, which in practice means if a broad-leaf (oak, ash, cherry, lime, beech, chestnut, sycamore, birch, alder) is felled then its replacement must be a broad-leaf, is a severe restraint; these trees are not economic to grow and need cash support for a long period. Those of us who must rely upon our forestry for our livings can only do so by growing economic conifers in larger areas.

The Chancellor's recent Budget changes presuppose that every forest is either "fully stocked", with economic conifer trees, or nearly so. In this context "fully stocked" means in full potential of production: for example, a 1,800-acre forest working on a 60-year rotation would fell for sale, and replant, 30 acres p.a.

Unfortunately, many of us have still not been able to catch up with the wartime (compulsory) fellings; the *semi-mature* trees which would have provided the mature crops of the fifties and sixties were gone by 1945. The catching-up process goes on, but it is a long job and we now have a large number of young plantations which may well have to be left to rot.

For some reason that we do not understand the grant system for the farm woodlands scheme allows for support during the growing period, but not for foresters pure and simple; farmers grow trees as a supplementary crop while we have only trees.

If we are not to be allowed to run an economic business, but are to become "museum keepers", then let us be paid a realistic wage for so doing.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL ANDERSON,
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Landford,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
April 15.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A wider future for Girobank

From Mr Paul M. Walker

Sir, According to a report which you carried prominently some weeks ago (February 11) a Cabinet committee is to consider the privatisation of Girobank. Should there not be wider discussion of this important issue?

If Giro is to join the mainstream of banking, it must seek out a larger and more stable customer base. This, it seems to me, could require the abolition of the National Savings Bank.

In contrast to European counterparts, the NSB has no major role in banking. Its servicing of the public-sector borrowing requirement could be handled elsewhere; it has an ever-declining number of transactions per employee and ever-increasing management costs, and despite its unique privilege of being able to pay interest untaxed it is shunned by its natural client base, even in its role as many children's first bank account. Its market, the small, unsophisticated savers of old, are transferring their allegiances to the high street majors, along with their pay.

Would not the transfer of viable NSB investment account business swell Giro's customer base, thereby encouraging a successful privatisation? Not before time, the State could thus abandon its role as a provider of personal banking services.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL M. WALKER,
Wynncote,
Canonbie, Dumfriesshire.
April 23.

Finding the way

From the Minister for Roads and Traffic

Sir, Some people might read Mr Berry's letter (April 19) as suggesting that Autoguide works by opening up back streets. Not so. Autoguide works by reducing both journey times and mileage travelled, guiding motorists on to the most appropriate route — not down residential back streets!

It attacks the "wasted mileage" element in our use of the roads. If you're stuck in a queue, there are a good many vehicles ahead of you who *shouldn't* be there.

The Transport and Road Research Laboratory have researched the way we find routes with the information we have today. They estimate that Autoguide-equipped vehicles could reduce mileage travelled by six per cent and journey times by 10 per cent, using the computed routeing advice on actual distances and journey times — including the system's knowledge of traffic conditions ahead.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BOTTOMLEY,
Department of Transport,
2 Marsham Street, SW1.
April 21.

An eye to business

From Mr F. S. Law

Sir, Lord Young's effort (report, April 19) to make British industry aware of the challenges of 1992 is very timely and one hopes his call will be heeded.

Most of our Continental competitors have already given careful thought and study to how to exploit the UK market and to find their niches in it. They are looking at the UK even at this stage as part of their wider home market, and this attitude, as far as I can see, is sadly lacking in the UK.

Cross-border mergers of the giants in the telecommunications industry must be a warning to UK companies who seem not to be interested in seeking European alliances, leaving them, I fear, isolated in the future.

One also hopes Lord Young's clarion call will persuade the Prime Minister to overcome her reluctance to bring this country into the European Monetary System, a step surely welcomed by many of her Cabinet colleagues, and a logical preparation for 1992.

Yours faithfully,
F. S. LAW,
43 Lennox Gardens, SW1.
April 20.

Words of wisdom

From Dr N. P.Hudd

Sir, I am astonished that one who resides in Cephas Avenue should have difficulty in finding a statement which will remain true throughout his child's lifetime (letter of John Murphy, April 20). Was it not Cephas who proclaimed: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God", a statement true then, true now, and for all eternity.

Yours faithfully,
N. P. HUDD,
54 Wimpole Street, W1.

From Lady Coggan

Sir, In reply to Mr John Murphy's question, the simplest yet most profound statement for his child is, "God made you, loves you and wants to use you".

Yours sincerely,
JEAN B. COGGAN,
Kingshead House, Sissinghurst,
Cranbrook, Kent.

From Mrs Pamela Jenkins

Sir, Mr Murphy can indisputably declare, "Your father has had a letter published in *The Times*.

Yours faithfully,
P. JENKINS,
10 Riselaw Crescent,
Edinburgh 10.
April 21.

'Overkill' in community charge?

From Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, MP for Kensington (Conservative)

Sir, Conservatives would do well to consider very seriously the points you make in your important leader (April 20) on the community charge. But I venture to disagree with your statement that "the flat-rate principle . . . is the Bill's essence". It included provision for graduation at the lower income levels from the start and ministers have just announced a significant extension of the original scheme without destroying the Bill's principles.

What I think *is* the essential feature of the Bill is the extension of the charge so that every elector will make a contribution of some kind, even if small. Representation without taxation has helped make possible some scandalous excesses by a number of reckless authorities. The principle of the universal contribution should be preserved.

The unacceptable feature of the Bill as it stands is the fact that even in many quite responsibly managed authorities the level of the charge is likely to prove excessively burdensome. What is now suggested constitutes overkill.

Since the department has not yet announced the way in which local authorities will be allocated revenue support from the national budget after the reform comes into force, it is impossible to make precise predictions; but we have to bear in mind that between 1975-76 and 1988-89 the Treasury has progressively reduced the support to local authorities in England and Wales from 66.5 per cent to 47.4 per cent of their relevant expenditure. It is therefore likely that local authorities will have to raise substantial sums locally to support the services, such as education, which are now, in effect, governed by national standards.

I sought unsuccessfully to move an amendment in the standing committee which would have laid on central Government the entire cost of education, police, fire services and civil defence. If a general formula had been adopted on those lines, so that in any competently-run borough the personal charge would not normally exceed £100 a year, I believe most people would have approved the Bill as a reasonable package.

Another way to reduce the burden of the charge on people with modest incomes therefore must be found as a matter of urgency. The upwards extension of graduation seems the only way.

Yours faithfully,
BRANDON RHYS WILLIAMS,
House of Commons.
April 20.

From Mr D. N. Vermont

Sir, Sir Robert Birley used to say that people pay their taxes in sorrow, but their rates in anger. In what mood will they pay the community charge?

Yours faithfully,
D. N. VERMONT,
Frodsham,
Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire.
April 21.

Housing benefit

From Mr Nick Raynsford

Sir, Exposure of the Government plans to "claw back" the cost of its last-minute poll-tax rebate concessions (reports, April 19, 20) has very important implications for the Housing Bill, also currently going through Parliament.

That Bill will lead to substantial rent increases for new tenants of private landlords and housing associations. When challenged as to how tenants on modest incomes will be able to afford the higher rents the Housing Minister, William Waldegrave, has repeatedly stated that housing benefit will take the strain.

It is, however, the DHSS, not Mr Waldegrave's department, which is responsible for housing benefit, and its track record shows no indication of willingness to meet the housing minister's hopes. Far from enhancing housing benefit, the DHSS has made a series of cutbacks over the past five years, culminating in the much-criticised £650 million reductions this April.

Now it is revealed that the DHSS has been contemplating yet further cuts in housing benefit. Even if these are not carried through (and it does appear that the Government has been panicked into abandoning the proposal) there is clearly no prospect at all of Mr Waldegrave securing the improvements in housing benefit to justify his high rent policy.

Pushing ahead with his Housing Bill proposals in this context will have disastrous consequences for large numbers of low-income households. Mr Waldegrave's assurances are no longer credible, and he should either reconsider his policies or his position.

Yours sincerely,

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April 20.

Jobs for scientists

From Dr H. Anne Simmonds

Sir, Sir George Porter's lecture (report, April 11) pointing out that there would soon be no science left to exploit in the UK because of Government policies and inadequate funding, has rightly been discussed widely, but has somewhat overshadowed the equally important report on the parlous state of medical research from the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee (details, April 11).

Our association was formed in 1978 (before this Government or the cuts) because prevailing conditions in the work-place were leading to hardship and widespread disillusionment among medical researchers. We pointed out even then the urgent need for careers and that failure to act would result in disenchantment, not only with research but science altogether.

Our survey in 1986 confirmed our worst fears; the number of applicants for advertised posts to take up those hard-won alpha grants was low (mean 5.7), the standard so poor that no appointment was made in 30 per cent of cases. Poor career prospects, not poor pay, was the main deterrent.

It would thus seem that even if the extra £27 million called for was suddenly available to fund all those alpha-rated small grants, the net result would be that the mean number of applicants per advertised post would fall correspondingly.

Young graduates find the poor employment conditions which still prevail, as demonstrated in our 1987 survey, coupled with the lack of any career prospects in medical research, unacceptable compared with the more lucrative attractions of the City and commerce and who can blame them? The pity is that while such talent can be deployed in many directions it will not be extended or used to its own or the nation's best advantage.

The Lords committee's statement of the need for a career structure reflects our firm belief that the UK can no longer afford policies which fail to provide any formal training.

Yours sincerely,
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April 15.

Period res.

From Mr Michael Hill

Sir, The building of neo-16th century houses (report, April 11; letter, April 20) seems to be more popular in France than it is here. A couple of years ago I had occasion to visit friends near Honfleur, who lived (and still do) in a most delightful apparently "Elizabethan" fully-timbered cottage, which had been erected from pieces of old barn, disused churches and/or houses. Not only that, but there were about half-a-dozen other houses in the immediate area of a similar type.

Are the French more enterprising in this respect, or is it just that they have more disused rural buildings?

Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL HILL,
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April 21.

Muslim schools

From Mr Ibrahim B. Hewitt

Sir, While welcoming the shift in Labour's education policy concerning the legitimacy of Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, etc to have voluntary-aided ("church") schools, I would like to point out that Muslims are not an "ethnic minority" and we are not an "Asian group in Brent" as reported by Nicholas Wood (later editions, April 20).

Islam is totally multi-racial and this is reflected at our school (which has applied for aided status) where we have 23 nationalities represented amongst less than 100 pupils. Race, Asian or otherwise, never has been — and never will be, God willing — one of the criteria for entry into a Muslim school. Some schools may, however, because of the demographic nature of their area, be all-Asian. This, of course, is also already true for many State schools and should not, therefore, be cited as a reason for not allowing Muslim schools.

Yours faithfully,

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April 20.

Enter the Metophor

From Mr A. E. M. Bloomer

Sir, Am I the only one to collect Moms (Met Office metaphors)? So far I have assembled the following: showers "cropping up"; wind gusts "nudging" 90 mph; ground frost "closing in"; sunny spells "breaking through"; black ice "lurking" on roads; outbreaks of prolonged rain "retreating as we go through the day"; cold fronts "denying access to" and bursts of hail "battering".

I welcome these variants and look forward to their extension into other fields.

Yours faithfully,

A. E. BLOOMER,

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Farnham, Surrey.

Too little idea of Europeans

From Mr R. G. Smith

Sir, On April 15 you published a report showing how little a group of professional people knew about Europe. For over a decade various examination boards and the European Association of Teachers have been setting examinations on European studies. An average student, following such a course on Europe, would have been able to answer correctly most of the questions set by you. Our local MEP was in my school only two weeks ago, speaking to a group of senior pupils.

The Department of Education and Science, however, attaches no importance to Europe, for GCSE European studies, offered by all the English examination boards, does not feature in the national curriculum.

Instead of being ignored, European studies should be part of the core. Only when it becomes so will we be able to rid ourselves of the island mentality which keeps us so aloof from the rest of Europe.

Yours etc,
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April 20.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 25 1952

C. B. Fry did not complete his century; he died four years after this leading article, aged 84. In his Test debut for England in 1902 he opened the innings with W. G. Grace, who was making his last Test appearance

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C. B. Fry

If MR. CHARLES BURGESS FRY had never been born, as, fortunately, he was, eighty years ago to-day and in Surrey of all Home Counties, it would have been necessary to invent him. The authors of serial stories in a boy's own paper — say in *C. B. Fry's Magazine* — had to learn that life is not a bed of roses. They, feebly letting truth set the pace for fiction, had for long allowed their heroes a blue or two, a goal here, a try there, a decent show in school sports, and just enough book-learning to avoid rustication. More than that, they feared, was over the odds of probability, and then a Reptonian was elected Senior Scholar of Wadham, with the future Lord Birkenhead coming in fourth. After that, fiction gave up the race and sat gasping in amazement while truth sprinted off down the straight. The facts about MR. FRY'S record as an undergraduate are so famous and so familiar that any writer must blush to recite them in detail. Captain of Oxford against Cambridge at cricket and at Association football was not enough — a century had to be made at Lord's (not out, of course), and a blue for Rugby football only missed through a last-minute accident. A performance for the O.U.D.S. as the Prince of Morocco in *The Merchant of Venice* crowded a second night house to enjoy an athletic rendering of the line "Oh, Hell, what have we here?" A meeting with MR. MAX BEERBOHM of Merton led to the coining of the phrase "Golf is glorified croquet." A taste for taking exercise against Cambridge, without the distraction of a ball, caused the setting up of a world's record for the long jump.

Those were salad days triumphs. The best was yet to come. Among the many good reasons for having been alive and taking notice in the earliest years of this century must have been that K. S. RANJIT-SINHJI and C. B. FRY were Sussex batsmen together. This partnership, it has been said, turned MR. FRY from a good to a great player. He needed little turning. Upright at the wicket, with bat lifted back over the middle stump, he made the Hove ground seem too small to contain a cricket-ball. His straight drives and his on strokes were a delight and, when deluded fielders suspected him of being weaker to the off, he taught them better. Statistics embalm the thousands of runs in a season and the row upon row of centuries. They cannot recapture the grace of the artist at the wicket. The saddest might have been of the game is that this perfection of batsmanship was never seen in Australia.

Sport, even at this high Olympian level, had to take its place in the queue of MR. FRY'S accomplishments. He has written well in prose and verse. He has stood as a Liberal for Parliament. His long service in the Mercury rightly earned him at the age of seventy-four the honorary rank of Captain, R.N.R. A horseman and an angler, a marksman and a motorist, he has preserved through all his strenuous versatility as an out-of-doors man an unquenchable zest for good talk. Those who have been privileged to hear him agree that there is no subject, from Greek music to the gold standard, in which he will drop a catch. . . With so much gaiety and such well-earned fame behind him, MR. FRY should go forward confidently to complete his century.

THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Doctor's orders and holy orders

When interviewed, a prospective medical student should on no account confess to wanting to help people or having ambitions towards general practice. The candidates who did this at the beginning of *Horizon*'s three-part investigation in to the education of a modern doctor (BBC2, Saturday) were rejected out of hand.

Those candidates who had evolved elegant rationales for greed and ambition, however, were treated much more favourably. Despite protestations of concern that the interview process was a poor way of selecting a student for a long course of study and an individual for a particularly demanding career, the interview process seemed to have changed little since I myself experienced it 25 years ago.

It was still an inhibiting and haphazard process with which neither candidates nor interviewers seemed satisfied.

Leanings towards compassion, on the other hand, seemed a suitable qualification for the young would-be Jesuit, on the evidence of *Everyman* (BBC1). This focused on the work of nuns and police in Ireland whose commitment to live in the Gospel had led them to dedicate their lives to the country's poorest people.

The Jesuit featured had turned his high-rise apartment into a hostel for homeless youths. He blazed with indignation at the hopelessness of their lives, pointing out that these unemployed teenagers came from unemployed families, in communities in which an employed person was a rare exception. Their future would be nothing more than drawing welfare until they reached pension age.

In the face of this social injustice, the priest saw his role not only as a provider of food and shelter but also as an organizer who could help this tragic underclass achieve a political voice in the society that was presently content to ignore them.

This was a fascinating account of individuals whose faith, clearly thought through and responsibly acted upon, had led them to make remarkable social contributions. Two nuns taught literacy, leadership and domestic skills, and also minded babies, in a nightmare Dublin slum.

Elsewhere, a priest had built 2,500 houses in a personal drive to regenerate rural communities; he masterminded the entire process, from borrowing the money at the start to marketing the completed homes to alienated city folk, searching for a better quality of life.

The clarity and conviction of these people was in marked contrast to the mumblings of *Horizon*'s medical men, who, sadly, seemed much happier dealing with human beings who were dismembered and pickled in formalin.

Celia Brayfield

NIAL ROGERS

Modest, introspective, middle-class leftie: Harry Enfield as himself

Catherine Bennett meets the creator of the comic cockney "Loadsamoney"

How to cash in

Loadsamoney started in a small way. Three years ago he was a private joke, a nameless character invented for the private amusement of a young "alternative" comedian called Harry Enfield and his friend, a plasterer called Paul Whitehouse.

He was a nasty cockney specimen, a flash oik, inspired by Whitehouse's colleagues and the oafish yuppies who boasted of their birds and cars and dosh in Enfield's Hackney local on a Friday night. When Enfield and Whitehouse heard of London football crowds taunting northern supporters for their poverty, their invention acquired a new habit: thrusting his wad of money in the face of the unemployed, and sneering his new name: "Loadsamoney".

A year ago, when Enfield had already made his reputation with a Greek character called "Stavros", he incorporated this new, horny-handed son of Tebbit into his act, flashing Loadsamoney's wad in clubs filled with Millwall supporters; screaming "Shert your mouf" at equally ecstatic alternative audiences on London Weekend Television's *Friday Night Live*.

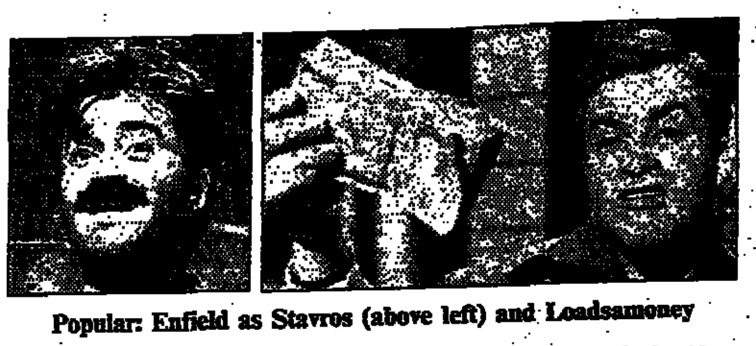
Now Enfield (as Loadsamoney) has a record coming out. It will probably make him loads of money. *The Sun* reports that plasterers are angry ("most plasterers are too busy for all that drinking and boasting"). *Socialist Worker* debates whether Loadsamoney is, or is not, patronizing to the working classes. And "Loadsamoney!" has become the most popular catchphrase in the country; it resounds around banks, pubs and undergraduate bars – and is most of all imitated by the wad-waving Loadsamoneys who personified Loadsamoney in the first place.

"Do you want him as Harry Enfield or Loadsamoney?" the PR girl had demanded, before Enfield appeared – "He doesn't really have streaks in his hair, you know." Loads, as he is known, is in such demand for publicity, radio appearances and other stunts that Harry Enfield, a 26-year-old, middle-class politics graduate, has taken to dressing like him in interviews, even speaking a curious half-breed of Hackney vernacular and Sussex Received Pronunciation.

"I'm sorry," he said, when he appeared inside a Loads costume (streaked hair, Adidas-style sweatshirt and bleached jeans). "I've just been doing Loadsamoney all morning, so it's probably ingrained in me."

For some reason, Enfield's other popular creation, Stavros, the Greek, a naive kebab-house-owning monologuist, never seemed to encroach so greedily on his creator's time. But then Stavros was not an archetype. Despite the consternation of alternative comedy audiences, fearful that they might be applauding a racist act, Stavros was an individual, representative of nothing but Enfield's talent for the traditional comedy of nonsense and malapropisims – and thus inimitable.

"I think people like to do impressions of comedians," Enfield said, attempting to explain the apotheosis of Loadsamoney. "And this is the easiest impression of all. You just shout 'Loadsamoney!' Anyone can do it. Also, people deal with money every day – a lot of people know someone like that."



Popular: Enfield as Stavros (above left) and Loadsamoney

He can even see it in himself: "I think we all can – sometimes we want to swank about something. I can't deny it. About three years ago I was on an MSC scheme as a comedian earning £40 a week, and then suddenly I got on *Spitting Image*, and I was on £200, and I thought: *Great*. So that is in me, although I don't like it really."

Enfield, who has a modest, readily introspective manner, thinks that Loads's origin lies far back in his own liberal parents' distaste for people with wads. "We only had BBC1 until I was about 12, and we used to have old cars, like a 17-year-old Hillman Hunter. They used to get cross about people with new cars, who thought they were good because of what they had, rather than who they were."

He read politics at York University, became a Marxist, and now feels that Loadsamoney makes a "statement about basic British culture – certainly the way it's going. I think that the problem with society is that no matter how much everybody votes Conservative, thinking it's going to conserve, it's actually changing everyone, because you are what your money is."

As Enfield continues his peroration on the cultural side-effects of this political condition, he sounds less and less alternative, increasingly like John Mortimer, with a hint of A.N. Wilson – "I mean, the general capitalist thing of a McDonalds in every town. You go to Canterbury and the whole town stinks of American fast food. You know: flash cars and everyone living in Barrett homes.

"I'm not a Luddite or anything, but it was better in the old days . . . the whole Loadsamoney ethic of 'you are what you earn' has sapped all the creativity in our society, and therefore it's just earning money and what you buy with that, it doesn't matter how you earn and what you're doing."

Loadsamoney on politics is rather more succinct: "Well, Mrs Thatcher, she's done a lot of good for this country, but I wouldn't want to marry it." Although this probably reflects very accurately the feeling of many of his new admirers, Enfield indignantly denies that he has made his yob so lovable that he now celebrates the very culture he was intended to ridicule:

"I hope not. I think he's a complete bastard." And even if the Loadsamonies do love Loadsamoney, Enfield is convinced that they know he is "taking the piss" out of them, and evidently exults in going beyond the "traditional middle-class-leftie let's-clap-ourselves-on-the-back" audience.

As a middle-class leftie himself, Enfield hopes for a reputation based on something more durable than a blockhead in an "I Bonked the World" sweatshirt.

Meanwhile, he will squeeze Loadsamoney for as much dosh as possible. "I'm savin' it," he said, then slipped earnestly out of cockney. "I'm paranoid because I want to be out of it in a few years, and I'm worried about not having security later. I've got to make hay while the sun shines."

Modest start

CONCERTS

Bournemouth Sinfonietta/Norrington

Queen Elizabeth Hall

One might perhaps have expected a grander opening to something described by its artistic director as a "celebration in all its variety of the reflective nature of the artist's leave-taking of this world".

But no, this first musical, "End Game", was a modest sort of concert, except where Sarah Walker's contributions were concerned, and half of it consisted of music that had little of the ultimate about it. After all, if Mozart's *Masonic Funeral Music* has to be counted a late work, then so does *Figaro*, and Berlioz still had nearly three decades ahead of him when he wrote *Nuits d'été*.

If anyone had been harbouring the suspicion that this was a smart package for a miscellaneous group of concerts, most of which would have happened anyway, here was a programme to confirm it.

Here too was Walker, in two gowns (leaf green for the Berlioz, jewelled white for Britten's *Phaedra*) and, more importantly, in two voices. In the Berlioz songs, even when the expression and vocal colour were sombre, there was a brightness in her delivery, with each note separately chimed and phrases built almost percussively from an accumulation of similar accents.

This was a fitting response to the declamatory character of Berlioz's writing, and altogether the performance was wonderfully lively and alert. It happily won from the Bournemouth Sinfonietta their best playing of the evening, and from Roger Norrington his least intrusive conducting.

Then, in the Britten cantata, Walker went for a quite different style, more withdrawn in projection; keeping the heroine's sense of shame always uppermost in her mind: this was effective in a work where the sexual impulse incurs the same quality of doom it does in *Death in Venice*. The singing now was much more legato, the phrases more roundly shaped by rubato and dynamic shading.

One rather pined for a touch of this artistry in the ensuing performance of Mozart's "Jupiter" symphony, which was thunderingly boisterous, done at the dash, with a numbing insistence on sharp accents and angular crescendos.

A style which can seem exhilaratingly fresh with period instruments here made a merely hectic impression. So much for the reflective nature of whatever it was.

Paul Griffiths

New but hardly novel

LSO/Zinman

Barbican Hall

It was Saturday and it was James Galway, and the hall would have been full whatever the programme. As it happened, Galway gave us something comparatively rare and adventurous, the Renaissance Concerto of Lukas Foss, written in 1986.

Galway has, of course, well known views on contemporary music. He likes a good, hummable tune. Here, needless to say, he trod upon the safest ground, for Foss's concerto is gentle, decorative stuff, pleasant but unchallenging to the ear and neither requiring, nor causing any great opening up of the mind.

Despite the implications of its title, many of its sources are in fact taken from music nowadays defined as early Baroque, rather than Renaissance. Rameau's piece "L'enharmonique" is the model for the second movement, labelled, reasonably enough, "Baroque Interlude", but taking the form of a near fatal combination of harpsichord sounds and what used to be called "wrong-note" technique.

Then notes from Monteverdi's *Orfeo* appear in the solo part of the third movement, "Recitative", attractively accompanied by on-stage strings and a distant, echoing small group, *à la* Charles Ives.

The final "Jouissance" includes a sequence from something by Peri and another from Gesualdo, and the flautist is given the option of leaving the stage while playing his closing bars, an opportunity duly seized by Galway. In practice the gesture served no purpose other than that of being a superficial nod in the direction of modernism.

In fact, by far the most successful movement was the first, which managed appealingly to combine virtuosity with variety, and Byrd's "The Carman's Whistle" with a Spanish *basse-danse*.

Though Foss has not entirely succeeded in his attempt to transform these wildly varied sources into something genuinely new, his gentle orchestration helped Galway to maintain a proper prominence throughout. The audience, of course, was utterly charmed by that flute sound, and entirely unbothered by the famous, gaping vibrato.

Foss's work was followed by a creation of Galway's own, his *Carmen Fantasy*. Needless to say, there were plenty of fireworks for the soloist here, but judged simply as a piece of music the work had very little to offer, besides reaffirming the fact that Bizet was far better at orchestration than Galway is.

David Zinman conducted the London Symphony Orchestra with crisp efficiency in these works. He did scarcely more in either Strauss's *Don Juan* or Dvořák's Eighth Symphony, both of which were proficient but unremarkable, save for the usual blaring trumpets, one unavoidable by-product of this acoustic.

Stephen Pettitt

Fall guys and fall-out

RADIO

It was a productive idea to link the two parts of Radio 4's UK/LA Festival to the dire episode of McCarthyism. Eric Bentley's Are You Now Or Have You Ever Been . . . ? (Saturday, April 16) and Arthur Miller's The Crucible (last Monday) set up between them a kind of chemical reaction so that in retrospect each now seems to have added the force of the other to its own.

Was this sufficient justification for the Radio Drama Department's outlay in sending Martin Jenkins to Los Angeles to direct the LA Classic Theatre Works? Could the same dramatic compound not have been achieved from a UK-based production with tried and tested British, or at least British-resident, actors? Perhaps.

But at the loudspeaker end that hardly showed, or when it did, it hardly mattered, for what welded the attention to this whole enterprise, apart from the intrinsic quality of the material, was the energy transmitted by the cast – Stacy Keach, Richard Dreyfuss and many others – and this may well have been generated by the necessities of having to perform two such plays in unfamiliar, even slightly hostile circumstances.

Are You Now . . . ? had the benefit of a studio audience for its reconstruction of the stranger-than-fiction, Hammer-horror proceedings of the House Un-American Activities Committee and this no doubt helped to draw from Robert Foxworth, for example, his heart-rending sketch of the luckless Larry Parks trapped by the Committee into naming names. But *The Crucible* took place entirely in a lashed up studio and still evoked a vivid sense of place and time as well as of hysterical, inescapable doom.

Of course Miller's play was written as a representation of what was happening to 1950s America, of a process of perverted justice. In 17th century Massachusetts, it was possible to condemn so many blameless citizens as witches because of ignorance and superstition. Surely in 20th century Washington the bases were a little different? Or were they?

Energy felt: Richard Dreyfuss

One effect of hearing these two plays in sequence was to suggest that in a psychological sense the new exactly paralleled the old. In both eras, from a launching pad of unrecognized ignorance, the same destructive missile lifted off, fuelled by an age-old mixture of beliefs passionately held but devoid of any substance whatsoever.

At least in the States it was possible for Bentley and Miller to write and get a hearing. Soviet dramatists have been less fortunate, so one of the notable things about **Sarcophagus** (World Service), by Vladimir Gubaryev, is that it exists at all. Not so long ago any public discussion of the Chernobyl disaster, let alone a play that pointed to shortcomings, would have been unthinkable.

Compared with the American examples, it is, admittedly, not a very good play. Eschewing documentary reconstruction, it is more a dramatization of events than a drama, let alone a tragedy (the author's description), in its own right. And for us it is not much helped by a translation from Michael Glenny which never quite finds a convincing English idiom.

In spite of this it made a strong impression, no doubt because it is impossible even to state what occurred at Chernobyl without provoking a more than usually sharp realization of what would happen if the warheads ever started to explode. Unfortunately, the first half of this play and its repeat are already over, but the second and slightly less compelling part can be heard next Saturday or Sunday at 1901 or 1201 GMT respectively.

Meanwhile an explosion of a milder sort is brewing in the English heartland. George Eliot's **Adam Bede** (Radio 4, Fridays), in an adaptation by Alan England, has just passed the second of six episodes and things do not look good for Arthur Donnithorne and Hetty Sorrel, as their ill-matched passion takes a grip on them. Radio commonly does well by English classics, but this is superb.

Despite that first few minutes in a carpenter's shop, almost impossible to follow, the use of sound has been wonderfully sensitive. But what really tells, excellent acting apart, is director Vanessa Whitburn's pacing: it is amazingly slow and absolutely perfect.

David Wade

Hello and good riddance

DANCE

Dance Continuum

The Place

When a group of dancers comes from Rome to appear for three performances in London, one wants to find something encouraging to say about them. Dance Continuum, who opened at The Place on Wednesday last, do not make that easy.

The best work in their programme is one in which the two founders, directors, choreographers and leading dancers do not appear. This is *L'Uscita*, which is made for the four women in the company. It is an odd work, in which each of them spends most of the time adjacent to but completely isolated from the others, with her own chair and little area of light in a surrounding dark stage.

Just where the exit of the title comes in, I am not at all sure. They all seem decidedly fraught, and there is a certain amount of glaring, moving frenziedly or rolling on the floor.

Towards the end, one woman takes a gun and fires three shots into the air. To kill herself or her colleagues? If so, she misses. To waken those members of the audience who may have dozed off? If so, she succeeds. Then the others draw up their chairs, close in and stare at her. Finish.

You think that doesn't sound exactly gripping? Ah, but you have not just watched Michael McNeill and Roberto Pace exchanging raincoats and flaunting their bare chests *face to face*? Nor will you have to sit through the pair of them crawling over, under or around each other, wearing only the tightest, briefest of garments: *Parting*.

There is also a solo for Alessandra di Segni to come, with choreography by McNeill which suggests that he may be responsible for the rolling around bits of their joint numbers; and a group work called *The Subterraneans*, by Pace, from which one deduces that the waving of bottoms in the air is perhaps his contribution.

And all the way from Rome for this?

John Percival

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 23: The Duke of York this morning attended the annual reunion of the Falklands Families Association at Chelsea Barracks.

Captain William McLean was in attendance.

April 24: The Princess Royal, attended by Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam, arrived at Royal Air Force Lyneham this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Switzerland.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 23: The Princess of Wales this morning attended the commissioning of HMS Cornwall (Captain C. L. Wreford-Brown, RN) at Falmouth Docks, Cornwall.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Miss Alexandra Loyd and Commander Richard Aylard, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 24. The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at the Children's Royal Variety Performance held at the Victoria Palace Theatre in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of which Her Royal Highness is President.

The Countess Alexander of Tunis was in attendance.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Captain Oliver Dawnay will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 1988, at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, City of London, at noon.

School announcements

Dean Close School
The Summer Term begins today. Mrs S.M. Vaus has retired as Senior Mistress. Thomas Edginton is captain of cricket. Timothy Buckler is captain of boys' tennis and Naomi Pickard is captain of girls' tennis. Mr Tony Jacklin, a current parent, will give special golf coaching in aid of the appeal on May 3. The Academic Scholarships will be held from May 16 - 18. Prize giving and commemoration will be on June 11, when the principal guest will be the Marquess of Reading. The farewell ceremony for leavers will be held on June 24, and term ends on July 8.

Felixstowe College
Summer Term begins today. The open day for prospective parents and friends will be on May 7. The old girls' reunion will be on July 2, and will focus on the retirement of Miss B.D.M. Cross: all her old girls are especially invited. Term ends with speech day on July 15, at which Canon Gordon Bridger will be the preacher and Baroness Platt of Writtle the guest of honour.

Hampton School
Term begins today. Mr G.G. Able has taken office as Headmaster in succession to Mr H.G. Alexander, who retired at the end of March. The Headmaster looks forward to meeting old boys of the school at the biennial Hamptonians' day, which will be on Saturday, July 9.

Harrogate Ladies' College
Summer Term begins today with 400 girls, 98 in the sixth form. Deborah Narder is head of school. Main events for the term are the commemoration service on May 27, guest preacher the Bishop of Lincoln; sports/open day from 11.30 am June 24; speech day and prizegiving at 7.00 pm in the Royal Hall, June 24, and the Sixth Form Ball at the Hotel St George, July 1. Half term is from May 27 to June 5, and term ends on July 7.

Lancing College
Summer Term begins on Monday, April 25, 1988. Emily C.M. Dowler is captain of the school, with Adrian A. Gosden and Andrew K. Rimmer, captains for the Advent and Lent Terms, as Vice-Captains. The Careers Convention on Saturday, April 30, will be opened by Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. Founder's day will be held on Saturday, May 28. The tenth anniversary of Manor House will be held on Saturday, April 30, and the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Gibbs' House on Saturday, May 21. Term ends on Friday, July 1.

St Edmund's College
Summer Term begins today with Mr Richard Poole taking up his position as Master in charge of St Hugh's. John Boyle (Douglass) and Yasmin Kapadia (Margaret Pole) continue as head boy and head girl. Daniel Balado-Lopez (Poynter) is captain of cricket. Speech day will be on May 14, 1988, John Gillham presiding. Sir Allan Davis will present the prizes. Confirmation will take place on June 5, 1988. The Right Rev John Crowley, Bishop in Central London, will officiate. The Catholic Junior Schools' national athletics competition will be held at the college on June 19, 1988. Term ends on July 3, 1988. The Old Edmundian cricket week runs from Monday, July 4 - Sunday, July 10.

Dinners

Royal Society of St George
Mr John Minshull-Fogg, Chairman of the City of London branch of the Royal Society of St George, accompanied by Mrs Minshull-Fogg, presided at a dinner held on Saturday at Guildhall to mark St George's Day. Sir David Nickson, President of the CBI, Mr Sam Wanamaker, Founder of the Shakespeare Globe Trust, Mr Deputy Bernard L. Morgan, branch president and the Rev Basil Watson also spoke. A message from The Queen, patron of the society, was read by Mr Minshull-Fogg. Other present included:

Lord and Lady Keyes, Major-General Sir Digby and Lady Raeburn, Lady Nickson, Mrs Wanamaker, the Resident Governor and Keeper of the Jewel House, HM Tower of London and Mrs Maclellan, Mr Alderman and Mrs John Chalstrey, Rear-Admiral Godfrey Place, VC, and Mrs Place, the Director-General of the English-Speaking Union and Mrs Heaslip, the Master of the Arbitrators' Company and Mrs Shindler, the Chief Commoner and Mrs Wilson, the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee and Mrs Rigby, Mr and Mrs George Gibbs, Mr and Mrs R S Findlay and Mr Deputy and Mrs W H S Horlock.

Garrick Club
Lord Havers, QC, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Garrick Club held last night at 15 Garrick Street. Mr Nunc Willcox presided and His Honour William H. Hughes also spoke.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edward II, reigned 1307-27, Caernarvon, 1284; Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector 1653-58, Huntingdon, 1599; Sir Marc Isambard Brunel, engineer of the Thames Tunnel (1843), Hacqueville, France, 1769; John Keble, a founder of the Oxford Movement, Fairford, Gloucestershire, 1792; Daniel Maclise, painter, London, 1870;

Walter de la Mare, poet and novelist, Charlton, Kent, 1873; Guglielmo Marconi, physicist, Nobel laureate 1909, Bologna, 1874:

DEATHS: Torquato Tasso, poet, Rome 1595; Andes Celsius, inventor of the Centigrade thermometer, Uppsala, Sweden, 1744; William Cowper, poet, East Dereham, Norfolk, 1800.

Birthdays today

Mr Eric Bristow, darts player, 31; Sir Robin Cater, former chairman, Distillers Company, 69; Mr Anthony Christopher, trades unionist, 63; Dr T.E. Faber, chairman, Faber and Faber (Publishers), 61; Mr David de Peyer, director-general, Cancer Research Campaign, 54; Miss Ella Fitzgerald, jazz singer, 70; Lord Gladwyn, 88; Sir Francis Graham-Smith, Astronomer Royal, 65; Mr W.F.R. Hardie, former president, Corpus Christi College, Oxford, 86; Lord Hayter, 77; the Earl of Lichfield, 49; Lady Marre, former chairman, BBC and IBA Central Appeals Advisory Committee, 68; Vice-Admiral Sir Frank Mason, 88; Judge Marian Norrie, 48; Judge Helen Paling, 55; Mr David Shepherd, artist, 57; Sir David Stephens, former Clerk of the Parliament, House of Lords, 78; Mrs V.E. Sutherland, diplomat, 49.

Service dinners

HMS St Vincent, 1939-45
Captain V. Lamb, RN, presided at the annual reunion dinner of HMS St Vincent, 1939-45 held on Saturday at the Eccleston Hotel, London.

Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia)
Lieutenant-Colonel N.F. Mulliner, Commanding Officer of the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia), presided at a guest night held on Saturday at the Castle, Monmouth. The Mayor of Bath and Brigadier W.A. le Blanc-Smith were the principal guests.

Waggon Club
Major-General W. Bate presided at the annual dinner of the Waggon Club held on Saturday at the Royal Corps of Transport Headquarters Officers' Mess, Aldershot.

Appointments

Mr P. A. Chamberlain, a housemaster at Haileybury, to be Headmaster of St Bees School in September, in succession to Mr M. T. Thyne, who is to be Headmaster of Fettes College.

Marriages

Mr P.A.C. Fox
and Dr B.M.C. Mac Greevy
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place, EC1, of Mr Patrick Fox, younger son of Sir Michael and Lady Fox, of Ladbroke Terrace, W11, to Dr Catherine Mac Greevy, eldest daughter of the late Dr Brain Mac Greevy and of Mrs Mac Greevy, of Onslow Square, SW7. Dom Philip Jebb officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Dr Brian Mac Greevy, was attended by Sophia Macmillan, Sophie Posgate and Miss Keelin Mac Greevy. Mr Richard Posgate was best man.

Mr R.B.R. Critchley
and Miss E. Storey
The marriage took place on Saturday at All Hallows, Settrington, Yorkshire, of Mr Rowland Critchley, elder son of Colonel and Mrs I.R. Critchley, of Altina, Crieff, Perthshire, to Miss Elisabeth Storey, elder daughter of the Hon Sir Richard and Lady Storey, of Settrington House, Malton, Yorkshire. The Bishop of Selby and the Rev John Dawson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Alice Collins, Emma Thistlethwayte, Jeremy Robinson, Alexander Leslie-Melville, Miss Melissa Storey and Miss Caroline Simpson. Mr Douglas Edington was best man.

Dr R.P. Ross Marrs
and Miss J.C. Beevor
The marriage took place on Saturday at All Saints, Wilby, Norfolk, of Dr Roderick Ross Marrs, son of Mr Alan Ross Marrs, of Watchet, Somerset, and Mrs Margaret Ross Marrs, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon, to Miss Juliana Beevor, daughter of Sir Thomas Beevor, of Hargham Hall, Norfolk, and Barbara Lady Beevor, of Marlingford, Norfolk. The Rev Keith Hawkes officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rachel Willday. Dr Paul Allen was best man.

Mr J.E. Ball
and Miss E. Hutchison
The marriage took place on Saturday at St James's, Shere, Surrey, of Mr John Ball, elder son of Mr and Mrs E.J. Ball, of Coventry, to Miss Elizabeth Hutchison, eldest daughter of Sir Michael and Lady Hutchison, of Albury, Surrey. The Rev P. Seal officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Angela and David Mann. Mr Giles Brown was best man.

Mr A.R. Howes
and Mrs S.M. Stuart
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 23, at St Helen's, Colne, Cambridge, between Mr Robert Howes and Mrs Susan Margaret Stuart (née Weavers). The Rev A. Ludlow officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Mr Henry S. Weavers, was attended by her children, Justine, Adam and Caroline. Mr Andrew Frear was best man.

A reception was held at the Dolphin Hotel, St Ives, Cambridgeshire.

Mr R.L. Hughes-Onslow
and Miss C.S. Doughty
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 23, at St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum, Devon, between Mr Richard Hughes-Onslow, son of Mr and Mrs Neil Hughes-Onslow, and Miss Christine Doughty, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Doughty. The Rev Graham Cotter officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Sarah Wareham, Lucy and Timothy Cole, Lucy Jennings, Charlotte Tuckett, *Anthony Rodgers, and by Miss* Anna Robson. Mr Harry Dugdale was best man.

Mr D.A. Robarts
and Miss T.J. Mellen
The marriage took place on April 23, at St Mary the Virgin, Little Sampford, of Mr David Robarts, younger son of Mr and Mrs Julian Robarts, of Bromley Hall, Standon, Ware, Hertfordshire, and Titania, daughter of Mrs W.P. Mellen, of Hardy's, Great Sampford, Saffron Walden, Essex. The Rev Dr Mark Glaswell officiated, assisted by the Rev John Coventry, SJ.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Jemima Hobson, Cosmo and Rock Mellen, Betsy and Harry Reavley and Adelaide Robarts. Mr William de la Hay was best man.

Mr J.A. Stygall
and Miss J.C.E. Cowe
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 23, in the Church of St John The Baptist, Crowthorne, Berkshire, of Mr John Stygall, elder son of the late Mr Kenneth Stygall and Mrs Awdry Stygall, of Yately, Hampshire, to Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.G. Collin Cowe, of Chadlington, Oxfordshire. The Rev Brian Spence officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Karen Wiltshire and Miss Caroline Juler. Mr David Stygall was best man.

THE THYSSEN MASTERPIECES

Portrait of an Infanta, by Juan de Flandes (first recorded 1496, died 1519): This picture is closely connected with a pair of portraits in Vienna of Philip the Fair and his wife, Joanna the Mad. The two yound women look remarkably similar, so this sitter could be Joanna, but may well be one of her sisters, Maria or Catherine (of Aragon). The portrait is on show in the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection, sponsored by The Times, at the Royal Academy until June 12.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, President of the Save the Children Fund, will arrive at King's Cross at 10.45; and travel by train on the new British Rail Thameslink Line to Blackfriars Station, where she will name the train "The Save the Children Week Special" and will launch the Save the Children Week 1988 at 11.00; she will then travel by "The Save the Children Week Special" to Crystal Palace and attend a party at 11.50; given for children by Network South East.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit the new offices of RMJM Scotland, 10 Bells Brae, Edinburgh, at 11.00; the "Gold of the Pharaohs" exhibition at the City of Edinburgh Art Centre at 2.55.

The Duchess of Gloucester, President of the National Children's Home, will attend a performance of the *Messiah* at the Festival Hall at 7.20.

Prince Michael of Kent, President of the Institute of the Motor Industry, will attend the presentation of the Castrol IMI Road Safety Award at the Savoy Hotel at 12.15.

Memorial services

Professor and Mrs James Arthur Ramsay

A service of thanksgiving for the lives of Professor and Mrs James Arthur Ramsay was held on Saturday in Queens' College Chapel, Cambridge. Canon B.L. Hebblethwaite officiated. Dr James Diggle, University Orator, read from *On Tranquility of Mind* by Seneca and Professor Sir James Beament read the lesson. Dr Gordon Parry gave an address. The President of Queens' College was among those present.

Mr Stephen Nicholas Steen

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Stephen Nicholas Steen was held yesterday in the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood Road. Rabbi John Rayner officiated. Mr K.R. Kemp, Chairman of Smith and Nephew Associated Companies, Professor A.J.H. Harding Rains, Royal College of Surgeons, Mr Martin J. Marshall, Mr Michael B.G. Gore and Mrs E. Lind, QC, gave addresses.

Forthcoming marriages

Lord Inchiquin
and Miss H. O'Farrell
The engagement is announced between Conor Myles John, son of the late the Hon Fionn O'Brien and of Mrs O'Brien, of Dault Road, London, SW18, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Fitzgerald O'Farrell, of Curry Lodge, Longford, Co Longford.

Mr W.E.H. Vernon
and Miss E.M.Salusbury-Trelawny
The engagement is announced between William, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J.J. Vernon, of Hordle House, Lymington, Hampshire, and Emma, youngest daughter of Sir John and Lady Trelawny, of Saltwood, near Hythe, Kent.

Mr C.G. Causer
and Miss G.C. Rowe
The engagement is announced between Christopher, second son of Mr and Mrs L.W. Causer, of Rough Common, Canterbury, Kent, and Gillian, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T.G. Rowe, of Little Court Matfield, Kent.

Mr N.A. Davis
and Miss L.A. Watson
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Andrew, only son of Mrs Margaret Davis and the late Mr Leonard Davis, of Swingleton Green, Suffolk, and Lyndsay Ann, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Watson, of Yately, Hampshire.

Mr A. Gibson
and Miss T. Dahl
The engagement is announced between Angus, son of the Rev Thomas and Mrs Gibson, of Badminton, Gloucestershire, and Tessa, eldest daughter of Mr Roald Dahl, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs Patricia Neal, of New York City, United States.

Mr R.W. Lang
and Miss M.F. Scott
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.W. Lang, of Home Farm, Curry Rivel, Somerset, and Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M.R.G. Scott, of Holworthy, Brompton Regis, Somerset.

Mr S. Morgan
and Miss S. Tobin
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Dr Charles Morgan and the late Mrs Sylvia Morgan, of Port Talbot, West Glamorgan, and Siobhan, daughter of Professor Sean and Mrs Lois Tobin, of Galway.

Royal Society of Musicians

Canon Anthony Caesar officiated at a service of thanksgiving held in the Queen's Chapel, St James's Palace, on Saturday, by permission of The Queen, to mark the 250th anniversary of the Royal Society of Musicians of Great Britain. The Chapel Royal Choir sang *The Magnificat in E* by S.S. Wesley, *Lord, Thou hast been our refuge* by William Boyce and *In Praise of Giving* by Mr Richard Popplewell accompanied by an orchestra composed of members of the Royal Society of Musicians, conducted by Mr Popplewell.

Nature notes

Many more summer migrants have arrived during the past week. The first cuckoos are back, calling incessantly with their ringing, ventriloquial cry. Their return coincides with the emergence of the small caterpillars they feed on in the trees.

The humming song of the grasshopper warbler can be heard again from plantations of young conifers, though the dainty brown bird skulks low in the undergrowth. A few house martins have been seen, and they will soon be wheeling and darting round the eaves.

On the South Coast, a few hoopoes have been reported: large, pink birds with black and white wings, and a pink crest like a fan. These uncommon birds have ventured north of their usual breeding range.

The white flowers of early spring are opening everywhere. Cow parsley is like long lines of mist beneath the hedges. The small flowers of garlic mustard, or jack-by-the-hedge, rise from thick beds of jagged, dark green leaves.

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PICK OF THE WEEK AT CHRISTIE'S

George Stubbs (1724-1806)
Two Hunters in a Parkland
signed and dated 1790, on panel 67 x 98 cm.

THIS FINE PAINTING by Stubbs, executed at the zenith of his celebrated career, is to be one of the highlights in a series of three auctions to be held at the Guineas Meeting at Newmarket on 29th and 30th April 1988. Christie's and Tattersalls, the international firm of bloodstock auctioneers, are joining forces for these sales, which commence on Friday with an auction of Fine Wines at 11.00 a.m. to be followed by 'The Horse in Art' at 6.30 p.m. – a sale of equestrian and racing pictures, drawings, prints and bronzes. The final auction, on Saturday at 11.30 a.m., will be of racing books and memorabilia. These auctions are to be held in the Park Paddocks.

For any further information on these sales, please telephone 01-581 7611.

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OBITUARY

LORD RAMSEY OF CANTERBURY

Scholarly and spiritual archbishop

Lord Ramsey of Canterbury, PC, Archbishop of Canterbury from 1961 to 1974, died on April 23, at the age of 83.

He was primarily a scholar, forming his convictions in a contemplation, which brought together the Bible, the Church's tradition and the contemporary scene. His spirituality, combined with his intellectual gifts inspired confidence in both church and lay circles. Yet, whether he was a success as the hundredth Archbishop of Canterbury must be questioned.

Undoubtedly the highest ecclesiastical office requires scholarship and saintliness among the strengths of a man holding it. If Ramsey had a defect, it was the lack of temperament needed for the managerial responsibilities of the office.

Ramsey's liberalism was born of a nonconformist conscience, and a sensitivity to individual suffering. What shook his faith repeatedly in a loving Creator, he would say, was the evidence of suffering by people innocent of blame.

He would withdraw into a puzzled reverie from which no conversation could entice him. These frequent silences embarrassed the talkative. But Ramsey took time to think deeply. *His stutter*, which so many derided, was the result of being required to say things, when he really wanted to think them through.

A more serious weakness was his theological and intellectual distrust of his pastoral colleagues. His support of the bishops was sporadic and his critical faculties were finely tuned when they were around. They looked to him for strategy. He failed them. He gave then patient godliness instead.

Thus he was unable to inspire the Church strategically — viz. the failure to get the Anglican-Methodist Unity Scheme through the Church Assembly. But this failure must be weighed against the priestly example he set when he was wounded by politicians, populace and press, alike, in November 1965, at the time of the declaration of Unilateral Independence in Rhodesia, and in the controversy over Bishop John Robinson's book *Honest to God*.

Arthur Michael Ramsey was born on November 14, 1904, the son of Arthur Stanley Ramsey, a Fellow and President of Magdalene College, Cambridge.

He went to Repton, where the *man* whom he was to succeed in Lambeth Palace, Geoffrey Fisher, was then at the height of his powers as Headmaster.

At Magdalene he was disappointed by a Second Class in the Classical Tripos, but his abilities as a debater won him the Presidency of the Union. He took a First in the Theological Tripos, and was ordained in 1928.

After two years as a curate he had six years as subwarden of Lincoln Theological College, and in 1936 became lecturer of Boston parish church.

His book *The Gospel and the Catholic Church* (1936) was the first revelation to a wider public of the depth of his spiritual vision. It was scholarly without exhibitionism or pedantry.

Ramsey's career now advanced rapidly. He was appointed vicar of St Benet's, Cambridge, in 1938; made Professor of Divinity at Durham and a Canon of the cathedral in 1940; recalled to Cambridge as Regius Professor of Divinity and as a Fellow of Magdalene in 1950; and consecrated Bishop of Durham in 1952.

By now he had emerged as the most spiritually minded

Search for Church unity

leader in the Church of England, and no one was surprised when he was translated to York in 1956. There was a general feeling that the quest for efficiency marking Dr Fisher's *time* in Lambeth Palace ought now to be supplemented by a more steady presentation of the eternal verities. Nor was anyone surprised that the new Archbishop of York refrained from *imitating* Fisher's forceful contributions to public debates. It was Fisher, not Ramsey, who condemned the Suez conflict; but it was Ramsey, not Fisher, who summed up the trends of Anglican theology from 1889 to 1939 in lectures in America published under the title *From Gore to Temple*.

There was far more uncertainty about Ramsey's role when Fisher resigned. Some believed that his value as a theologian so far outweighed his competence as an administrator that it would be have been best for the Church to have left him at York. On the other hand, the Prime Miniser, Mr Macmillan, was among those who believed Ramsey's spiritual stature placed him head and shoulders above his brother-bishops.

The hallmark of Ramsey's tenure was a quest for Church unity. Visits to Moscow and Istanbul, were followed by the even more historic — because without precedent since the Reformation — visit he paid to Pope Paul VI in the Vatican in March, 1966.

These visits inaugurated a new era of dialogue, although relations with the Eastern

Theological controversy

Orthodox Churches were embarrassed by the political entanglements of church leadership, and those with the Vatican included such matters as mixed marriages, birth control, and the status of the Anglican clergy.

Ramsey's constant plea was that such problems should be faced and overcome ecumenically in the atmosphere of friendship, study and prayer.

Ramsey's part in the World Council of Churches was less important. He had little natural affinity with American or European Protestantism.

At home, however, Ramsey was enthusiastic in the cause of Christian unity. He threw himself into the advocacy of the Anglican-Methodist reunion scheme and in 1969 delivered one of the most masterly addresses of his career, a few hours before the failure to secure an adequate majority of three-quarters for that scheme in the Church of England's Convocations.

In 1972, when the scheme was brought back, he delivered an even better speech — and the vote was even less satisfactory.

Ramsey's failure to persuade sufficient numbers of his fellow-churchmen to vote for a reconciliation with Methodism was no surprise. And his embarrassment was increased when he was drawn into controversy by his predecessor, Lord Fisher. (Ramsey never forgot that Fisher had been his headmaster, and always stood in almost pathetic terror and resentment of his disapproval.)

Fisher vigorously attacked the Anglican-Methodist scheme as proposing a needlessly complicated change, arguing that a unity of spirit would be enough without a more radical disturbance of the established Anglican customs. Such caution represented the views of many clergy and churchgoers; and in comparison with it, Ramsey came to be seen as a radical.

True to his nature, he *expressed this radicalism* mainly in a shift of emphasis in his theological teaching. He grew more flexible in his attitude to non-episcopalians and now gladly communicated with them as fellow members of the Body of Christ.

He also went much further than Fisher in welcoming fresh thought about the life of the parishes, and new forms of worship.

Unlike his predecessor, he never seemed to view the Church of England's tie with the State as sacred. *If* it had to go for the sake of integrity or renewal, so be it.

Ramsey's response to Bishop John Robinson's explosive paperback, *Honest to God*, in 1963, was two-sided. On the one hand, he rebuked the young bishop for various indiscretions and immature obscurities, and said plainly that belief in the transcendent God was not being abandoned by the Anglican episcopate. On the other hand, he published a series of short books mixing a courteous criticism of the new theologian's lack of balance with a strong affirmation of the "new" theology's attack on the weak points in the dogmas and ethics of established Christianity.

Even radical theology, later and more extreme than *Honest to God*, was reviewed with the same judicious calm and sympathy.

Ramsey frankly conceded that fresh ways of presenting the Gospel were needed in order to reach minds formed by the age of science. He was also emphatic that, while the Christian ethic must still confine sexual intercourse to marriage, unchastity was not the worst sin.

He was sensitive to the intellectual bewilderment around him, and he hoped to meet atheists in heaven. Some of the faithful grumbled that here charity was going too far, but the most outspoken criticism of his teaching was on political grounds.

Ramsey became a champion of the rights of coloured people. His travels around the Anglican Communion exposed him to the spiritual vitality of West Indians, Africans and Asians, and also to their poverty, and to the oppression under which many still suffered.

So it was that this shy Cambridge scholar found himself being insulted in the office of Mr Vorster in Cape Town and being attacked openly by many reactionary Christians at home.

Some of Ramsey's statements may have been foolish. In 1965 he announced that Christian morality would support the Wilson government if it felt the use of force would end the Smith regime's unilateral declaration of Rhodesian independence.

History may indeed judge that his visits to the Pope and to the South African Prime Minister, the one so hopeful and the other so laden with doom, were the two greatest moments of Ramsey's leadership of the Anglican and Christian cause. By his social teaching Ramsey earned the gratitude of many who were not interested in his theology.

In 1971 the Church adopted the "synodical" system of government, by which bishops, clergy and laity combined in the General Synod at the centre, and in Diocesan and Deanery Synods locally, to deliberate about the whole range of church life; and in 1973 the General Synod was acknowledged by Parliament as competent to decide the Church's doctrine and worship.

These were major steps in reconstituting the Church under modern conditions, and Ramsey's willingness to see the Church's own laity debating theology as well as finance, together with his objections to

Compassion and strength

Parliamentary control of doctrine, were significant contributions to the new atmosphere. On the other hand, many doubted that the Church of England now had a government at all.

Ramsey's lack of practical leadership disappointed many. But looking back it is difficult to conclude that in 1961 the Prime Minister ought to have nominated to Canterbury a Primate who would have been Ramsey's inferior in the life of the spirit and in mental capacity.

Ramsey faithfully used the great gifts with which he had been endowed, and a widening experience of the world brought out fresh courage, compassion and strength. The attractive qualities of a consecrated *intellect continued to* shine through limitations which he was the first to acknowledge. In him the Church of England was given an always thoughtful teacher who rejected glib solutions to Christianity's current problems.

Ramsey developed many mannerisms. The halo of white hair, the bushy, twitching eyebrows, the hands sawing the air, the bulky and often untidy body convulsed by chuckles, the general air of venerable benevolence, were the delight of imitators, and a book of irreverent snapshots, *The Canterbury Pewside Book*, sold well.

More dangerous, in an age of instant images through the mass media, was the impression which he conveyed of an ecclesiastic who had never grown familiar with the world.

In 1942 he married Joan, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel F. A. C. Hamilton, and when he spoke with such deep feeling about Christian marriage it was out of his own happy experience. His wife survives him. They had no children.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.
St Mark 11: 24

BIRTHS

ARNHEIM - On April 14th, to Sarah (née Phillips) and Christopher, a daughter, Rebecca Louise.

BORRELLI - On Friday April 15th at Odstock Hospital, to Heather (née Utterson) and Paul, at a daughter Emily June.

GOULD - On April 19th to Carol and Rennie, a son, James Assheton. A brother for Vanessa.

HILL - On April 16th in Winchester, to Elizabeth (née Carden) and Michael a son, Richard Michael Charles, a brother for Alastair and Victoria.

JOHNSON - On April 22nd in Aldershot to Penny & John, a daughter, Helen Louise a sister for Sarah Jane.

LOCKHART - On 20th April at The Royal Berkshire hospital, to Donna (née McVey) and Stephen, a daughter Chloe Anne, a sister for James.

MARCHANT - On Sunday April 17th 1988, in St Mary's, Manchester, to Pauline (née Turner) and Michael, a daughter, Eve Sarah.

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PARKES - On Tuesday, April 19th, to Wendy (Née Hook) and Tim, a son, Charles Alexander Frederick

SPICER On 19th April to Jane and Raymond a daughter Gabrielle Sophie Jane, a sister for Oliver.

DEATHS

BELL - On April 21st, 1988, as a result of a road accident, the Reverend Vicars and his wife Dorothy, of Tavistock. Funeral service at Tavistock Parish Church, Devon on Thursday April 28th, at 2.30 pm followed by cremation at Weston Mill, Plymouth at 4 pm.

CAREW - On April 19th 1988, peacefully at home. Desmond, with his family after a short illness fought with courage and humour. Husband of Jean and dearly loved father of Beverley, Jennifer and Malcolm and grandfather of Lee. Will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Funeral Service on Thursday 28th April 11am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Lee, prior to cremation at Lewisham Crematorium.

COLLINS - On April 21st 1988 at King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, London. Charles Arthur Leonard aged 83 years. Dearly loved husband of Elizabeth, much loved father of Jane and David, loved and respected grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service private at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday April 29th at 3 pm. Family flowers only.

GABRIEL - On April 20th after an illness borne courageously. Douglas Beresford Grifkt. Memorial Service at Lostwithiel Church on Wednesday April 27th at 12 noon. No flowers please, donations if desired to Fowey Hospital or Great Ormond Street Hospital.

GARNER - On April 22nd 1988, in hospital at Dorchester, Dorset. Aged 79 years. Zillah Wyatt, greatly loved wife of Maurice and dear mother, grandmother and friend of many in Weymouth & Steyning. 'Jesus is alive' and He said, 'He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.' Service at Saint Mary's Church Weymouth, Wednesday April 27, at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Africa Inland Mission or Scripture Union, c/o Stocking Funeral Service, 22 Crescent Street, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 7BX.

GARRATT - On April 20th 1988, suddenly, Gordon Hartland, aged 64 years, of Croyland Way, Crowland, Lincs. Dearly loved husband of Gwen and stepfather of David. Funeral service on Wednesday April 27th 1988, at Crowland Abbey at 2pm followed by cremation. Flowers to Watkins and Stafford Ltd, Funeral Directors, Fitzwilliam Street, Peterborough.

GATES - On April 21st, peacefully after a long illness at her home in Compton Bassett, Wiltshire, Marie, dearly loved mother of Neville, Maureen and Zena. Requiem mass to be held on April 27th at 10.30am at St. Edmonds, Calne, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations to The Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Bath.

HAMBLY - On April 21st, 1988, peacefully at Glenside Manor Nursing Home, aged 89 years, Dorothy, late of 7 Pembridge Place, London and Robin Hill, Fritham. Will be sadly missed by all her friends. Service on Thursday April 28th at Salisbury Crematorium at 12.45 pm. Enquiries to D K Shergold, tel: 0722 28966.

HAMILTON - On April 21st, at Wexham Park Hospital, Slough, Denys, dear husband of Margaret. For funeral arrangements telephone Littlewick Green (062882) 2568.

HINDENACH - On April 20th, peacefully at St Bartholomews Hospital, Gertrude Aphra (Trudi), who practised as Dr Willis, widow of Jack, dearly loved by her family and friends. There will be a private Cremation.

HOWARD - DAVIES - On April 15th 1988, peacefully in The Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, Edward Howard Davies aged 71, beloved husband of Helen and brother of Mary and Edina. Service of Thanksgiving at St. Faith's Church, Lee-on-Solent on Wednesday May 4th at 2.30pm, followed by private cremation at Porchester. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH.

INGLIS - On April 22nd, Brigadier William Murray C.B.E. peacefully at Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, after a long illness borne with courage. Beloved husband of Lola, father of Fiona, Alastair and Robert and much loved grandfather. Private cremation. Memorial Service to be held on a date to be announced later. Donations if desired to The Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher.

JOYCE - On Friday 22nd April, after much suffering courageously borne, Peter Henry Joyce, aged 68, of Woodfield Farm, Renhold, Bedfordshire. Beloved brother of Jack and Margaret, and much loved Uncle of Joseph, Anthony, Sarah, David and Jeremy. Enquiries to Clarabut and Plumbe. Tel: 0234 54547.

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MARKLEW - On April 19th 1988, Daisy, formerly of Guiles Hill Farm, Ockham, Surrey.

RAYLEIGH - On April 21st, 1988, at Terling Place, John Arthur Strutt, 5th Baron Rayleigh, aged 80. Funeral Service at Terling, Thursday April 28th at 11.30 am, the 9.44 am train from Liverpool St will be met at Hatfield Peverel station.

SMITH-BINGHAM - On Thursday April 21st, tragically in a car accident, Arthur, aged 82. Much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service 12 o'clock, Holy Trinity, Long Newnton. Family Flowers only, donations if desired to Injured Jockeys Fund.

TRITTON - On Friday April 22nd 1988, John Hedley Tritton, Lt. Col. R.A. (retd), at home. Dearly beloved husband of Pamela and loving father of Adrian, Peter, Annabel and Claire. Thanksgiving Funeral at All Saints Church, Terling, on Friday April 29th at 11.30 am followed by a private service of Committal at Great Leighs Church. No flowers please, but if desired donations may be made to The World Wildlife Fund.

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8 PER CENT DEBENTURE STOCK
6 PER CENT COMMON STOCK

In preparation for the payment of the half-yearly interest payable on June 1 next, the debenture stock transfer books will be *closed at 3.30pm on May 3, and will be* re-opened on June 2.

The half-yearly interest on the common stock will be paid on June 1, to holders of record on May 2.

D. R. Kessl - Deputy Secretary
Southgate, 105 Victoria Street,
London, SW1E 6QT.
April 25 1988

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of The London Life Association Limited will be held at The Clothworkers' Hall, Dunster Court, Mincing Lane, in the City of London, on Wednesday, 18th May 1988 at 12.00 noon to transact the following business:

1. To receive and consider the report of the directors and the accounts for the year ended 31st December 1987 together with the report of the auditors thereon.
2. To re-elect Mr. A.C. Black a director
3. To reappoint Price Waterhouse as auditors and authorise the directors to determine their remuneration.
4. To transact any other ordinary business.

By Order of the Board
C.O.B MEADE-KING
Secretary
6th April 1988
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It would facilitate the administration of the *meeting if members intending to attend* and vote personally would bring with them a note of their Preference Club membership number (or a current policy number). On arrival at the meeting, please show the appropriate number to one of the Association's officials who will be at the entrance to the hall.

Any member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, of The London Life Association Limited may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his or her behalf. To be valid the form of proxy must be deposited with the Company Secretary at the Registered Office not less than 48 *hours before the time appointed for holding* the meeting or any adjournment of the meeting. A form of proxy may be obtained on application to the Company Secretary at the Registered Office.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION

General Charity - The Friends of the Children of Great Ormond Street. (The Hospital for Sick Children, London).

The Charity Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this Charity. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them ref: KJ-209006-A/1-CD (S41) at St. Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX. Objections and suggestions may be sent to them within one *month from today.*

LEGAL NOTICES

J. Flack Limited
(In Administrative Receivership)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at The Charter One Room, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, London, WC2 on Tuesday, 10 May 1988 at 11.00am for the purposes provided for in Sections 48 and 49 of the said Act.

At the creditors' meeting a person is entitled to vote only if:-

(a) he has given to the receiver, not later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in *writing of any* debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted and
(b) there has been lodged with the administrative receiver any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

J.A. Talbot and M. Fishman
Joint Administrative Receivers
21 April 1988

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION
NO 1190 of 1974
NO 2452 OF 1976
TRUST ESTATES OF MARGARET
CORFIELD,
Settlor

To: John R Corfield, late of 42 Epple Road, London SW6 4DH, England, and to his heirs, next of kin and all persons interested in his estate:

Notice is hereby given that Petitions were filled with the above-named Court to establish the legal presumption of the death of John R. Corfield with respect to his interest in two Trusts of Margaret Corfield, Settlor, dated May 4, 1965, as amended April 15, 1966. The Court will hear evidence concerning the absence of said John R Corfield since October 27, 1984 and the circumstances and duration thereof, on Tuesday June 7, 1988, at 2:00 P M., E.D.S.T., and on such later dates to which the Court may continue the hearing, in Room 414, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in order that his interest may terminate as in the case of his actual death and the persons succeeding to his interest under the terms of the Deeds of Trust may receive their interests. All persons having any knowledge of the whereabouts of said John R Corfield since October 27, 1984 are requested to attend said hearing or contact the undersigned.

PAUL C HEINTZ, Esquire
Obermayer, Rebmann, Maxwell & Hippel
14th Floor Packard Building
Philadelphia, PA 19102
United States of America
(215) 665-3212
Attorney for Petitioners

IN THE MATTER OF NORTON BRIDGE
BOOKBINDERS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY
ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 27th day of May 1988 to send in their full forenames and surname, addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Philip Monjack, FCA, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing, *from the said Liquidator are,* personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved

Dated this 18th day of April 1988
Philip Monjack FCA
Liquidator

LICENSING ACT 1964
APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF
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TAKE NOTICE THAT:

We, SYED ABDUL MALIK of 307 High Street, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire and HARUN MIAH of 98 Oak Road, Luton, Bedfordshire, having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Restaurant Proprietor and Head Waiter respectively HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that it is our intention to apply at the Licensing *Session for the Court, Stuart Street, Luton* on the 11th day of May next for the grant to us of a Justices' On-Licence of the description of Restaurant Licence authorising me to sell by retail any intoxicating liquor which may be sold under a Justices Licence of that description for consumption on the premises situated at *32 Wellington Street, Luton and known or* to be known as The Bombay Brasserie of which the said Syed Abdul Malik and Ataur Rahman and Koyeshua Miah are the owner.

Dated this 20th April 1988
Hopkins, Reynolds & Co.
22 Cardiff Road, Luton, Beds.
Solicitors for the Applicant

TO DAVID CANON
late of 13 Blake Court, Benbow Drive,
South Woodham Ferrers, Essex.

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Justice, Family Division, Chelmsford District Registry No 1987 D 219 by MARION JEAN DAWSON of 13 Blake Court, Benbow Drive, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex in which the Plaintiff's claim is for a Declaration as to the trust upon which the property known as 13 Blake Court, Benbow Drive, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex is held and for the execution of the said Trust, and that the said property be sold forthwith or the Defendant's interest in the said property be transferred to the Plaintiff

AND that it has been Ordered that service of the Originating Summons in the said action on you be effected by this advertisement

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that you must within 28 days from the publication of this advertisement inclusive of the day of such publication acknowledge service of the said Originating Summons by completing a prescribed form of Acknowledgment of Service which may be obtained on request from the Solicitors whose name and address appear below, otherwise judgment may be entered against you.

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Ref. P 4/88
Plaintiff's Solicitors

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE
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Company name	Company number
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VAUGHAN BROTHERS (DROP FORGING) LIMITED	322515
TRINITY CUTTING AND WELDING SERVICES LIMITED	1184598

On 30 March the above named companies were placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Mr Stephen Robert Edward Hancock of Price Waterhouse, Livery House, 169 Edmund Street, Birmingham, B3 2JB was appointed liquidator by the members.

The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the above companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the companies to the liquidator, at the above address by the 27th day of May 1988. The liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 10 June 1988 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 27 May 1988, and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. THIS IS A FORMAL NOTICE ONLY. THE COMPANIES HAVE PAID ALL KNOWN CREDITORS IN FULL.

Dated this 22nd day of April 1988
SRE Hancock, Chartered Accountant.
Liquidator

Company No 1495981
IN THE MATTER OF
THE RIBOT CO. LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY
ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 31st day of May 1988, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors, if any, to the undersigned, R W J. Long and N. Montgomery of Allcombes, 50 Leadenhall Street, London, EC3A 2BJ, the joint liquidators of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidators, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution *made before such debts are proved.*

Dated this 12th day of April, 1988
R.W J. LONG and N. MONTGOMERY
LIQUIDATOR

NOTE: This Notice is purely formal. It is intended that all known creditors will be paid in full.

IN THE MATTER OF THE
INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND IN THE MATTER OF
CLARKE BROS (SURBITON) LIMITED
Registered Office and Principal Trading
Address: 1A Howard Road, Surbiton,
Surrey KT5 8SA.
Company No: 736657

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 33/34 Chancery Lane, on the 4th day of May 1988, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986, i.e.:-

1. To consider the Directors' Statement of Affairs.
2. To appoint a Liquidator.
3. To appoint a Liquidation Committee.

No creditor may vote who has not lodged a proof of debt at 33/34 Chancery Lane, together with a proxy if required, not later than 4.00pm on 3rd May 1988.

The following insolvency practitioner will provide creditors free of charge with information concerning the company's affairs: Nigel Geoffrey Atkinson, 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW (Telephone: 01 405 8799: please ask for Mr C Norman).

Dated this 18th day of April 1988
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
A.J. CLARKE - DIRECTOR

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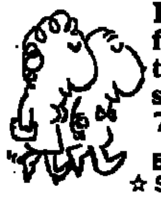

This selective guide to entertainment and events throughout Britain appears from Monday to Friday, followed in the Saturday section by a preview of the week ahead. Items for inclusion should be sent to The Times Information Service, PO Box 7, 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN

BOOKING KEY
☆ Seats available
★ Returns only
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **BLUES IN THE NIGHT:** Hit black blues show, with Carol Woods, Sarah Woollett, Helen Gelzer and Peter Straker singing their hearts out in a sleazy Chicago hotel.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-8pm and 9-11pm, £8.50-£14.50. (D)

☆ **THE COMMON PURSUIT:** The Simon Gray play traces the fortunes of undergraduate friends; splendid cast led by Rik Mayall, John Sessions, Stephen Fry, John Gordon Sinclair.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 6.45-11pm, mats Fri and Sat 6-8.15pm, £8-£14.50.

☆ **HAPGOOD:** Puzzling new Tom Stoppard play. Spies, physics and misunderstandings; with Nigel Hawthorne, Roger Rees, Felicity Kendal and Iain Glen.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych WC2 (01-836 6404). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mats Wed 2.30-5.30 and Sat 4-7pm, £5-£14.50.

☆ **SHIRLEY VALENTINE:** New Willy Russell play: outstanding performance by Pauline Collins as the downtrodden housewife tempted by a Greek island.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, mat Wed 2.30-4.45pm, £6-£13.50.

☆ **SORE THROATS:** Rough stuff and rough stuffing in the second of Howard Brenton's "Three Plays for Eutopia".
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Opens tonight 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £4-£6.

☆ **TEECHERS:** *John Godber's end-of-term play within a play; funny with sad bits.*
Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street WC2 (01-836 3334). Tube: Leicester Square. Previews tonight and tomorrow 8-10pm. Opens April 27, 7-9pm. Then Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 9-11pm. Early performances on Fri and Sat 6.30-8.30pm, £3.25-£5.

☆ **TEMPTATION:** John Shrapnel as a latter-day Faust somewhere in eastern Europe; passionate play by Vaclav Havel writing at the peak of his powers.
The Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (01-638 8891). Tube: Moorgate/ Barbican/ St Paul's. Opens tonight 7-9.30pm. Then in rep. £6.50-£8.50.

★ **ZIEGFELD:** Spectacular musical based on the life of the man who made the famous *Follies*, and costing a bomb. With Len Cariou, Geoffrey Hutchins and Louise Gold.
London Palladium Theatre, 8 Argyll Street, W1 (01-437 7373). Tube: Oxford Circus. Preview tonight 7.30-10.15pm, opens tomorrow 7.30-10.15pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.45-5.30pm, tonight £4.50-£16.50, from tomorrow, £3.25-£21.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665). . . ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

WORD-WATCHING

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BOLECTION
(b) In the jargons of architecture and cabinet-making a moulding, usually ogee in section, raised round a panel, or generally a projection moulding serving to cover the joint between two members with different surface levels.

YEN
(a) A Chinese bronze *li*-tripod with a basin on its top; in function a steamer, with a grill partition between the upper and lower parts; found in all stylistic periods down to the Han.

TONDER
(a) Lace made in southern Denmark, named after the small town; in the 17th and 18th centuries it resembled Flemish bobbin lace; since then it has been like the laces of Lille and Buckinghamshire.

NAUTILUS
(c) The social, bottom-feeding octopus that shoals in the Indian and Pacific Oceans, and lives with other crustacean parasites in a camerated shell; the Chinese have been carving its watch-spring shell into pretty knick-knacks of mother of pearl since at least the 16th century.

OUT OF TOWN

LEEDS: ☆ **Jane Eyre:** Wendy Nottingham and David Gwillim in an intriguing new adaptation by Fay Weldon.
Playhouse, Calverly Street (0532 442111), Mon and Tues 8pm, Wed-Sat 7.30pm, £4.50-£6.

LUTON: ☆ **The Aspern Papers:** Empty Space Company's excellent adaptation of the Henry James tale of deceit in Venice.
Library Theatre, St George Square (0582 21628), tomorrow and Wed 8pm, £3.50.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
⊠ **Advance booking possible**

BELLMAN AND TRUE (15): Entertaining British thriller with psychological overtones, featuring Bernard Hill as the failed hero forced to use his computer skills in a bank robbery (121 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.45, 8.30.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). *Progs 1.00, 3.25, 6.00, 8.30.*
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.45, 5.25, *8.05*.
⊠ **Screen on the Hill** (01-435 3366). Progs 3.40, 6.30, 8.40.

COBRA VERDE (15): A pale copy of Werner Herzog's past excercises in high adventure and visionary dreams; with Klaus Kinski as a disgruntled South American rancher who takes his revenge through banditry (90 min).
Gate Notting Hill (01-221 0220). Progs 2.30, 4.30, 6.40, 9.00.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

■ **FATAL ATTRACTION (18):** A spurned lover (Glenn Close) takes revenge on Michael Douglas, his wife (Anne Archer) and family. Adrian Lyne directs this unsettling thriller (119 min).
⊠ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.10, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.00.
⊠ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.05, 2.25, 4.45, 7.10, 9.30.

A FLAME IN MY HEART (18): Alain Tanner's lugubrious drama, shot in black-and-white, very much a showcase for its star and co-writer Myriam Mezires — cast as an actress whose life disintegrates through her obsession with physical love (112 min).
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 5.50, 8.15.

HOLLYWOOD SHUFFLE (15): Spoofs and sketches hung on the peg of a black actor trying to get on in Hollywood. High-spirited, if patchy; written, produced and directed by its star, Robert Townsend (82 min).
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 2.30, 4.15, 6.00, 7.45, 9.30.

■ **THE LAST EMPEROR (15):** Bertolucci's gorgeously photographed epic tells the extraordinary story of Pu Yi, China's last imperial ruler who lived to become a model communist citizen. With John Lone, Peter O'Toole (162 min).
Lumière (01-836 0691). Progs 1.20, 4.35, 7.55.

■ **MOONSTRUCK (PG):** Should Cher play it safe and marry Danny Aiello, or follow her heart and go for his brother, Nicholas Cage? Norman Jewison took the Best Director award at the Berlin Film Festival and Cher the Best Actress Oscar (102 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.05, 8.20.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8.25.
⊠ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 3.55, 6.15, 8.30.
⊠ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 12.30, 2.45, 5.00, 7.15, 9.30.

■ **SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME (15):** Ridley Scott's showy visual style dominates this police thriller, in which rookie Tom Berenger is assigned to protect a well-heeled witness to a brutal murder (106 *min*).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). *Progs 2.50, 5.30, 8.20.*
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8.25.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 3.35, 6.05, 8.35.
⊠ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644). Progs 12.40, 3.10, 5.50, 8.30.
⊠ **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01-722 5905). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.10, 8.40.

■ **THREE MEN AND A BABY (PG):** Brash Hollywood remake of a flimsy French success. Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg play confirmed bachelors suddenly thrust into the problems of babycare. Leonard Nimoy directs. (103 min).
⊠ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45.

■ **WHITE MISCHIEF (18):** Glossy account of cuckoldry and murder among Kenya's "Happy Valley" set in the Forties, with Greta Scacchi, Joss Ackland and Charles Dance. Michael Radford directs (105 min).
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

■ **WITHNAIL AND I (15):** Knockabout British comedy about two out-of-work British actors trying to maintain sanity at the end of the Sixties. Written and directed by Bruce Robinson: with Paul McGann and Richard E Grant (107 min).
⊠ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.25, 8.45.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 5.50, 8.30.

Tosca — caught in the act

Over the last 15 years Clive Barda has established himself as Britain's leading photographer of opera. His work has appeared in newspapers (including, frequently, *The Times*), magazines, books, theatre programmes and on posters and record sleeves. Taking advantage of small modern cameras and high-speed film, Barda has liberated the pictorial record of opera from the stiff and unconvincing portraits of the past. He has also eschewed posed rehearsal shots in favour of capturing the immediacy of performance. Barda spent his early years in Egypt, moved to Britain with his family after the Suez crisis and developed his interest in photography and music while working as a commodities broker. The two interests came together when he had the opportunity to photograph Daniel Barenboim. His one-man show at the National Museum of Photography at Bradford is his own selection from past work. It is supplemented from tomorrow by a "photographic essay" about the creation of Opera North's production of *Tosca*, which comes to the refurbished Alhambra Theatre in Bradford in June. Barda's shot from Act II (above) shows Sergei Leiferkus as Baron Scarpia and Mary Jane Johnston in the title role. Venue: National Museum of Photography, Film and Television, Prince's View, Bradford, West Yorkshire (0274 727488). Tuesday to Sunday, 11am-7.30pm, free, until June 19.

Peter Waymark

DANCE

★ **SWAN LAKE:** Natalia Makarova's production for London Festival Ballet.
Apollo Theatre, George Street, Oxford (0865-244 554), 7.30-10pm, £5-£12.

☆ **SEPTET:** Rambert Dance Company's *production of Merse Cunningham's* work to Satie music, with pieces by Richard Alston and Siobhan Davies.
Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Road, Manchester (061-273 4504) 7.45-10pm, £6-£8.

☆ **FIXED MEMORY FIX:** A collaboration between British dancer Laurie Booth and New Yorker Dana Reitz.
The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031) 8-9.30pm, £5.

OPERA

☆ **LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR:** Donizetti's Walter Scott Opera in an *indifferent revival of Zeffirelli's* production, conducted by Sir John Pritchard and with Edita Gruberova in the title role.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.45pm, £2-£70.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **JILL GOMEZ:** This soprano sings songs by Schubert, Fauré and Roberto Gerhard with Graham Johnson accompanying.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 *(01-222 1061), 1-2pm, £2.50.*

☆ **PHILLIDA BANNISTER:** Songs by Bach and Schubert are heard from this mezzo-soprano with a guitar accompaniment by Alpin Smart.
American Church in London, 79 Tottenham Court Road, London WC1 (01-580 2791), 1.05-1.50pm, free.

☆ **ARMENIAN BINGHAM:** Besides Armenian folk songs arranged for string quartet, the Bingham Quartet plays Schubert's Quartet D804 and Stravinsky's Three Pieces.
St Anne and St Agnes, Gresham Street, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top 10 programmes in the week ending April 17:

	BBC 1		BBC 2
1	EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 17.10m	1	The Shootist 7.10m
2	EastEnders (Tues/Sun) 16.60m	2	Discoveries Underwater 5.60m
3	Neighbours (Tues 13:30/17.36) 15.15m	3	Horizon (Mon/Sun) 5.40m
4	Neighbours (Fri 13:30/17.36) 14.90m	4	Black Adder II 5.20m
5	Neighbours (Thurs 13:31/17.37) 14.35m	5	Sunday Grandstand 5.15m
6	Neighbours (Wed 13:30/17:36) 14.05m	6	International Snooker 5.10m
7	Neighbours (Mon 13:31/17:36) 13.90m	7	The 1988 Oscars 5.05m
8	Steptoe and Son 11.95m	8	M.A.S.H. 4.30m
9	Crimewatch UK 11.65m	9	The Natural World 4.25m
10	A Question of Sport 11.35m	10	Gardener's World 4.05m
	ITV		**Channel 4**
1	Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 14.80m	1	Treasure Hunt 6.80m
2	Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 13.85m	2	Brookside (Mon/Sat) 6.15m
3	Splash ITV 11.85m	3	Brookside (Tues/Sat) 5.75m
4	Catchphrase TVS 11.55m	4	Cheers 3.85m
5	The Two of Us LWT 11.25m	5	A Town Like Alice 3.65m
6	News at Ten (Wed) ITN 10.35m	6	The World of The Unborn 3.45m
7	Tales of The Unexpected Anglia 10.35m	7	Countdown (Thurs) 3m
8	Emmerdale Farm (Thurs) Yorks 9.80m	8	The Cosby Show 3m
9	Wednesday at Eight Thames 9.75m	9	A Gardener's Guide 3m
10	Through The Keyhole Yorkshire 9.70m	10	Countdown (Fri) 2.90m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time*: Mon to Fri 1.4m (8.4m) (13.2m)
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.6m.

Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

EVENING

☆ **ROYAL MESSIAH:** In the presence of *HRH the Duchess of Gloucester, the* Philharmonia Chorus, Orchestra and soloists perform Handel's Messiah under the baton of Owain Arwel Hughes.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, *cc 01-928 8800*), 7.30-10.10pm, £4-£20.

☆ **NEW SYNTHESIS:** The Vanbrugh Quartet gives the London premiere of John Kinsella's Synthesis along with Haydn's Quartet Op 76 No 1, Beethoven's Op 59 No 2 and Janáček's Quartet No 1 "Kreutzer Sonata".
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ **SINGING SCALES:** Anthony Scales, baritone, sings Ives and Schubert, Dowland and Jeremy Birchall, Poulenc and Vaughan Williams. John Humphreys accompanies.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £3-£5.

☆ **REVISED REQUIES:** Luciano Berio conducts the London Sinfonietta in the UK premiere of the revised version of his Requies, also in his Voci and arrangement of five early Mahler songs. These are sung by Thomas Hampson, baritone, as is Ravel's Chanson hébraïque.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £2-£9.

☆ **PERCUSSION KICK-OFF:** The Cardiff leg of the "Percussion '88" festival gets started with the Kroumata ensemble tapping out Cowell's Pulse, Sandström's Drums, Norgard's Squares and Rounds, Cage's Construction No 3.
St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 35900), 7.30pm, £3.50-£6.50.

☆ **MORE PERCUSSION:** Meanwhile the London part of "Percussion '88" commences with Steven Schick's accounts of Stockhausen's Zyklus, Zenakis's Psappha, Feldman's King of Denmark and the London premiere of James Wood's Rogosanti.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-359 4404), 8pm, £5.

JAZZ

☆ **JAMES MOODY:** Opening night of a residency from the American reeds player whose recent RCA album *Something Special* showed that his playing is as mellow as ever. The vocalist is Sandra King.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £8.

☆ **DUSKO GOYKOVICH:** The Yugoslav *trumpeter built up a solid reputation* during stints with Woody Herman and Maynard Ferguson.
Four Bars Inn, Castle Street, Cardiff (0222 374962), 8.30pm, £4.

☆ **OLIVER JONES:** A week's residency by the the Canadian pianist who, after years of anonymity in a showband, made an impressive return to the jazz scene in 1980.
Pizza On The Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (01-235 5550), 9.15pm, ring for prices.

ROCK

THOMAS DOLBY: Return of the *keyboard mysterioso with an entertainingly eccentric album, Aliens Ate My Buick.*
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334) 8pm, £6.

FIERCE TOUR: Dancefloor package tour featuring Kid 'n Play ("Do This My Way"), the Taurus Boyz ("You're The One") and rising UK house star Julian Jonah.
Martha's Vineyard, The Kingsway, Swansea (0792 476520) 9pm, £2-£3.

MIRIAM MAKEBA: Celebrated South African exile, featured in Paul Simon's *Graceland* touring party.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 7.30pm, £8.50-£10.50.

SLADE THE LEVELLER/JOOLZ/REV HAMMER: The New Model Army singer's "backroom of pubs in small-town England" tour comes to the big city.
Acoustic Room, Mean Fiddler, 28a Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490) 8pm, £4.

GALLERIES

THYSSEN-BORNEMISZA COLLECTION: 50 Old Master paintings from one of the world's greatest private collections, presented by *The Times*.
Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052), daily 10am-6pm, £3 (concessions and Sun mornings £2, under-18s £1.50), until June 12.

BERNARD DUNSTAN RA: A retrospective of 30 paintings and 25 *drawings by a distinguished figure* painter.
Royal West of England Academy, Queen's Road, Bristol (0272 735129), Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, until May 21.

BRICE MARDEN: Recent paintings and *drawings by the American minimalist* and former assistant to Robert Rauschenberg.
Anthony d'Offay Gallery, 9 & 23 Dering Street, London W1 (01-499 4100), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until May 24.

RUBENS IN OXFORD: A large collection of drawings by the Flemish master.
The Picture Gallery, Christ Church, Oxford (0865 276172), Mon-Sat 10.30am-1pm, 2-4.30pm, 40p, until May 20.

DANISH GRAPHIC ART: A substantial portfolio of contemporary prints which are strong on colour.
Scott Gallery, University of Lancaster, Bailrigg, Lancaster (0524 65201), Mon-Fri 12noon-5.30pm, Sat 2-4:30pm, free, until May 27.

NARRATIVE PAINTING: Works by Ken Kiff, Paula Rego, Peter de Francia and some younger artists.
Castlefield Gallery, 5 Campfield Avenue Arcade, Manchester (061 832 8034), Tues-Sat 10.30am-5pm, Sun 12noon-4pm, free until June 4.

PETER HAYMAN: Watercolours by a noted bird painter.
Penn Barn Gallery, Elm Road, Penn, Buckinghamshire (0494 815691), Mon-Sat 9.30am-1pm, 2-5pm, free, until May 6.

The life and times of William Howard Russell (above) of *The Times* are evoked by James Hayes in a one-man National Theatre touring show which opens today at Epsom College, Surrey. Born in Dublin in 1820, Russell was the famous war correspondent whose graphic reports of the dire conditions in the Crimea helped to bring down Lord Aberdeen's government. The show is compiled from his diaries, books and despatches, and uses contemporary photographs. For tonight's performance ring 03727 21973; for general information ring the National Theatre (01-928 2033).

TALKS

ALEXANDER ALTMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE: Professor Isadore Twersky on morality and law.
University College London, Gustave Tuck Theatre, Gower Street, London WC1, 5.30pm, free.

OTHER EVENTS

THE FIFTIES FESTIVAL: Continuing exhibition of clothes, graphics, furniture and domestic items of the period. Today's science fiction film, *The Thing*.
Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London, SW7 (01-589 6371). Exhibition Mon-Sat 10.00am-6.00pm, Sun 2.30pm-6.00pm. Film in the Apse Theatre, 3.30pm, free, seating limited to the first 60.

TRULY TRIBLE: Exhibition and sale of Persian trible weavings from trappings and bagfaces, saddlebags and grain sacks to carpets, kelims, and rugs.
Stoneleigh, Parabola Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire (0242 234243), daily 10.00am-6.00pm, free, until May 1.

NATIONAL GALLERY MONDAY FILMS: *Two painters are explored in today's films: Toussin in The Seven Sacraments and Mantegna in The Tribes of Caesar.*
National Gallery, Lower Floor Theatre, Trafalgar Square, London, WC2 (01-839 3321), 1pm, free.

KESTREL COUNT LAUNCH: The London Wildlife Trust's major 1988 *campaign, to encourage Londoners to keep an eye open for kestrels throughout the city is launched today at* the Natural History Museum with live kestrels, nestbox and London Wildlife Trust representatives.
The Fossil Tree, *East Gardens, Natural History Museum*, Cromwell Road, London, SW7 (information, London *Wildlife Trust* (01-278 6612), 11am-12 noon, admission to museum £2.60, child £1.00.

WALKS

INSIDE DICKENS'S LONDON: Meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.25.

THE HAUNTED WEST END: Meet Embankment tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

PLAGUE, GREAT FIRE AND OTHER DISASTERS: Meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £3 (also May 12).

POLITICAL LONDON: Meet Westminster tube, 11.30am, £3 (also next Mon).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ALDEBURGH FESTIVAL:
Phone/personal booking opens today for Britten's *Paul Bunyan* and his only ballet, *The Prince of the Pagodas*, and Tchaikovsky's *Iolanta*. Premieres of works by Alfred Schnittke (composer in residence) and Oliver Knussen. Murray Perahia plays with Orlando String Quartet; films with Copland scores; and On Broadway songs from Cole Porter, Rodgers and Weill. Also, Peter Pears birthday celebration concert. Bach late-night candlelight concerts, Haydn's *Seven Last Words* with Alex McCowen and Bach Mass in B Minor. June 10-26.
Aldeburgh Festival, High Street, Aldeburgh, Suffolk (072 885 3543).

DANCE ADVANCE: First London performance of three works by new contemporary classical ballet company making their London debut. Musical accompaniment by Quorum. June 9-10.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Advance booking open. General booking from May 3-4.

LAST CHANCE

TEMBA: Season by black British theatre company ends this week with final performances of *A Visitor to the Veldt* by Mfundi Vundla. Ends Sat.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, Waterloo, London SE1 (01-379 4444).

BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the weekly Premium Bond Prize draw are: £100,000, 25TN 838597 (the winner lives in Westminster); £50,000, 22PL 946523 (Hounslow); £25,000, 6KS 706448 (East Sussex).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. Tomor 7.00 The Magic Flute. Wed 7.00 Cosi Fan Tutte.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 01 240 1066/1911. Stdby Info 01 836 6903. 25-30 April Midland Bank Proms - 350 places available at £4 1 per person 1hr before perf.
Ton't 7.30 THE ROYAL OPERA Lucia di Lammermoor. Tomor 8.0 Salome.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200. NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE FINAL 2 PERFS: Ton & Tomor 7.30pm. of Prog 1: A SIMPLE MAN. From Thurs until Sat Prog 2: COPPELIA.

THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913/4 CC 741 9999/ 836 7358/ 379 6433 First call 24hr cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Groups 930 6123
NOW BOOKING TO 2 OCT
ME AND MY GIRL
THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL
Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00
"THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S Express

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NICHOLAS LYNDHURST
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ROGER REES in
HAPGOOD
"TOM STOPPARD'S MOST CUNNING PLAY - A DAZZLING DOUBLE GAME OF PHYSICS AND ESPIONAGE — REMARKABLE" Guardian.
Directed by PETER WOOD

APOLLO VICTORIA 88 828 8665 cc 630 6262 Groups 828 6188 CC Open All Hours 379 4444 1st Call 240 7200 K Prowse 741 9999 Groups 930 6123
Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0
"AMAZING" Times
STARLIGHT EXPRESS
Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER
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Directed by TREVOR NUNN
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LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES
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Ton't, Wed 7.30, Tomor 7.0, Thurs 2.0 & 7.30
MERCHANT OF VENICE
'SUPREMELY INTELLIGENT PRODUCTION...FINELY PERFORMED' Time Out. THE JEW OF MALTA (Students tkts £5 in adv) rtns Fri 7.30.
EARLY STAGES: PETER BROOK 'Live on Stage' Thurs 5.45. Seats £2.
THE PIT Ton't 7.0, Tomor, Wed 7.30 TEMPTATION by Vaclav Havel. 'A joyously funny evening' Indep.

CAMBRIDGE cc 741 9999 (no bkg fee) Grps 930 6123
ADAM FAITH ANITA DOBSON
BUDGIE
The Musical. Opens Oct 18

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"Is simply magnificent" Time Out
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Directed by David Thacker
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Evgs 7.30 Mats Sat 2.30.
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CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/ 379 4444/741 9999. Groups 836 3962. Eves 8. Thur mat 2.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.30
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AND THEN THERE WERE NONE
"QUITE IRRESISTIBLE" D Mir "TRUE COMEDY THRILLER" LBC. Eves 8 Mats Thu 3 Sat 5

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DINSDALE LANDEN HILARY TINDALL and JEREMY BULLOCH in
DANGEROUS OBSESSION
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Mon to Fri 8pm Tues Mat 3pm Sat 5pm & 8.15pm

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MAGGIE SMITH
MARGARET TYZACK
in
LETTICE AND LOVAGE
a new comedy by PETER SHAFFER
with RICHARD PEARSON
directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE
Evgs 7.45. Sat Mat 3.00

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) Evenings at 7.45. Sat mats 2.30 THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940 A comedy-thriller by JOHN BISHOP "Fun almost as plentiful as the bodies" Std. "Excellent Company" Times. "Well cast and enjoyable production" FT.

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301 Eves 8pm Sat 4.30 & 8.30pm ARTHUR MILLER'S DANGER: MEMORY! "Miller writing as well as ever" FT. "Acting as brilliant as to be educational" S Tel. Extended to 21 May.

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ANTHONY BATE JOHN NORRINGTON
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in
THE DEEP BLUE SEA
by Terence Rattigan
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Evgs 7.30 Mats Weds & Sats 3.00

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in
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LAST 4 WEEKS

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THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
DAVE WILLETTS
CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL BALL
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Directed by HAROLD PRINCE
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3
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LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311. (01 240 7200 7 day Bkg fee for Faust only) Goethe's FAUST Pts 1 & 2 Eves 7.30 pm. This week. Pt 1: Ton't, Wed, Fri, Sat amt 2.30pm. Pt 2: Tues, Thurs, Sat 7.30pm. STUDIO: Faust Lecture 6.15pm: ALCHEMY, ATC presents PRINCESS IVONA Eves 8pm.

LONDON PALLADIUM 01-437 7373 Evgs 7.30 Mats. Weds (Except April 27) & Sats 2.45 Credit Cards 01-437 6891 Party Bookings 01-437 2055 Also 24 hours 7 days a week through First Call 01-240 7200
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NANA
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LYTTELTON Ton't 7.45, Tomor 2.15 & 7.45 WAITING FOR GODOT by Samuel Beckett.
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CHESS
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PRINCE OF WALES 839 5989
GEMMA CRAVEN EMILE BELCOURT
RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S
SOUTH PACIFIC
"WALL-TO-WALL SHOW STOPPERS" D Exp
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MICHAEL GAMBON JONATHAN PRYCE
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JASON CONNERY NICKY HENSON
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From 5 May
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Directed by
JOAN PLOWRIGHT
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Dir by Max Stafford-Clark
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ART GALLERIES

FISCHER FINE ART, 30 King St, St. James's, SW1. 839 3942. JOHN HUBBARD - Alhambra: Paintings, Drawings and related works. Until 13 May. Mon-Fri 10-5.30 Sats 10-12.30.

MARTYN GREGORY: Early English Watercolours. 13-30 April. 10-6 (Sun. 10-1). 34 Bury St, St James's, London SW1. (01-839 3731).

MEDICI GALLERIES, 7 Grafton St, Bond St, W1. 629 5675. L.S. LOWRY: Fortnight Signed Limited Edition Prints. 26 Apr to 6 May. Mon-Fri 9-5.30.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, PICCADILLY, W1. 01-439 7438. Open daily 10 - 6 inc. Sun, (reduced rate Sun. until 1.45). CEZANNE: THE EARLY YEARS 1859 - 1872 & OLD MASTER PAINTINGS FROM THE THYSSEN-BORNEMISZA COLLECTION including works by Duccio, Durer, Holbein, El Greco, Rubens, van Dyck, Watteau, Goya.

W.H. PATTERSON 19 Albemarle St, London W1. 01-629 4119. "Spring Exhibition" European Masters of the 19th Century including works by JF Herring, BW Leader, CJ Gripe, C Leickert, A de Breanski, W Koekkoek, FW Watts, SR Percy, E Pritchett, FR Unterberger. Daily 9.30-6pm.

CINEMAS

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3 351 3742 BABETTE'S FEAST (U) Oscar Winner Best Foreign Film. Progs 2.10 4.20 6.35 8.50

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. Yves Montand in MANON DES SOURCES (PG). Film at 1.15 (not Sun) 3.30 6.00 8.30. "It has the mark of a classic" Times.

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St, off Charing Cross Rd 240 9661. ALEC GUINNESS & DEREK JACOBI in LITTLE DORRIT (U) Part 1: Mon, Wed, 12.30; Fri, Sat, Sun, Tues, Thurs, 4.00; Fri, Mon, Wed 7.30. Part 2: Fri, Sat, Tues, Thurs 12.30; Mon, Wed 4.00; Sat, Sun, Tues, Thurs, 7.30. LAST WEEKS.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. GRETA SCACCHI & CHARLES DANCE in WHITE MISCHIEF (18) Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 4.10 6.20 8.40. LAST WEEKS.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE (930 5252) THE BELIEVERS (18) Sep progs Daily 12.50 3.25 6.00 8.40. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/Visa/ AmEx) 930 7615. 24 hour service.

LUMIERE CINEMA St Martin's Lane WC2 379 3014/836 0691 Bertolucci's THE LAST EMPEROR (15) 1.20 4.35 7.55 & Late Night Fri/Sat 11.15pm. EXCLUSIVE 70mm DOLBY /STEREO PRESENTATION. ADVANCE BOOKING OFFICE OPEN. DAILY 12.30 - 9pm TICKETS FOR 4.35 & 7.55 BOOKABLE ACCESS/VISA.

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1. BABETTE'S FEAST (U) Oscar Winner: Best Foreign Film. Progs 2.10 4.20 6.35 8.50.
2. Herzog's COBRA VERDE (PG) Progs 3.00 5.00 7.00 9.00.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in *Maid to Order* (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25. 8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather *followed* by **The Pink Panther Show.** Three cartoons (r). **9.20 Kilroy!** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject.
10.00 News and weather followed by **The Flintstones** (r). **10.25 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by **Play School** (r), and **Paddington** (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. Emma Thompson with a reading **11.00** *News and weather followed by* **World Snooker.** Second round games between Joe Johnson and Steve James; and Neal Foulds against Doug Mountjoy. Includes news and weather at **12.00. 12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather **1.30 Neighbours.** Susan decides it *is time to tell Clive about her* feelings for him.
1.50 World Snooker. Further second round coverage. Plus, at approximately 2.45, the *Shot of the Championship* competition.
3.05 People's Court. Judge Joseph A. Wapner *rules on two cases* — one in which the plaintiff is a man whose love for an air hostess was not returned as were the presents he showered on her and now wants back; the other, a man who is claiming back part of *his subscription to a health* club after he was thrown out for alleged lewd behaviour. **3.25 Watchdog.** Consumer affairs (shown again at 7.35)
3.50 Scragtag and His Tea-Time Telly with Andrew Secombe (r). **4.10 Heathcliff with Cats and Co.** *Cartoon series* **4.30 Roland Rat — the Series II.** The guests are Graham Stark, June Whitfield and Habit.
4.35 Newsround with John Craven and Helen Rollason includes a report from Roger Finn in the Falklands Islands **5.05 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) **5.35 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Michael Smartt. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. To celebrate 500 editions of the show, the host all *this week looks back at some* of the best interviews including, tonight, those with Elton John, Larry Hagman and Diahann *Carroll. In the studio are Peter* O'Brien from *Neighbours*, Linda Davidson of *EastEnders* and nonagenarian Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies. *Plus* Bulgarian music from the Trio Bulgarka.
7.35 Watchdog. *Consumer affairs* series presented by John Stapleton and Lynn Faulds Wood (shown earlier at 3.25).
8.00 Don't Wake Up. Comedy series *starring Tony Britton and Michael* Havers (r). (Ceefax)
8.30 The Russ Abbot Show. Comedy sketches and music (r). (*Ceefax*)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Moira Stuart. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Panorama: Israel at 40. Tom Mangold reports from Israel on the problems facing the state *celebrating its four decades of* being
10.10 Film 88. Among the films *reviewed are Wall Street and Promised Land.*
10.40 Come Dancing. Scotland meet the North West.
11.25 *Business Matters.* Phil Crosby with his views on the management of quality in business and industry.
11.50 Weather.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Maths — Iteration and Convergence. Ends at **7.20. 9.00 Ceefax.**
9.15 Daytime on Two: young people working as a stablehand, a riding *instructor, a kennelhand* and a veterinary *nurse* **9.38** Profit sharing — what does it mean and how does it work? **10.00** For the very young **10.15** A musical based on a traditional story from Java **10.40** Moving *house* **11.00** *Paul Coia and* Sheelagh Gilbey begin to explore the plant world **11.20** An actor and a teacher help a group of children explore how people make judgements
11.45 Ceefax 12.05 The first of two *programmes exploring the history* of the division of Ireland **12.30** How lives and attitudes of teenagers change during the first year after leaving school **1.00** Sex education in subtitled form for the hearing impaired **1.20** For the vey young **1.38** Grassland uses old and new **2.00 News** and weather followed by a series for children
2.15 Songs of Praise from St John's parish church, Penrhyncoch, a village in mid-Wales. With Aled Jones. (r). (*Ceefax*)
2.50 Holiday Outings. Bill Buckley soaks up the sun and the *sightseeing attractions* of Florida (r).
3.00 News and weather followed by **World Snooker.** Second round action in the Embassy World Professional championship, introduced by David Icke from *the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield.* Willie Thorne and Terry Griffiths play the remaining nine frames of their tie; John Parrott and Cliff Thorburn play their second set of three eight frames. Includes news and weather *at* **3.50.**
5.20 Noticeboard. Rob Curling previews radio and television programmes; Marian Foster has news from the *Daytime* Club.
5.30 Tomorrow's World *includes a* report the British government's *plans for a national radiation* monitoring and information network (r).
6.00 World Snooker. Further second round *coverage* from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield.
7.00 Young Musician of the Year. Humphrey Burton introduces the five piano finalists. Joining the resident adjudicator, Professor Alun Hoddinott, are pianists *Phyllis Sellick, Fanny Waterman* and Anthony Goldstone.
7.40 Open Space: Artists in Residence. The story of a group *of North London artists who* are threatened with eviction from their low-cost housing and *studio space because of a local* authority spending squeeze. More than 50 young painters, potters, sculptors, photographers and installation artists must raise £1.5 million in order to buy a group of houses *in Beck Road, Hackney, from* the Ilea, and have launched a Beck Road Arts Trust Appeal, arguing that if vast sums can be raised to buy Old Masters for the nation it ought to be possible to support a nursery for *developing talent. (Ceefax)*
8.10 Doctors to Be. The third and final programme in the *Horizon* series about medical students at St Mary's Hospital. In this programme the pace quickens when they work for a week as *nursing auxiliaries, learning to* take blood and then assigned to cases of their own. Narrated by Paul Vaughan. (Ceefax)
9.00 World Snooker from Sheffield. The last two second round matches — John Parrott *against Cliff Thorburn and Neal* Foulds v Doug Mountjoy.
9.50 Ella Fitzgerald at Ronnie Scott's. A 70th birthday tribute to the peerless singer, a repeat of a performance recorded during the 1970s when she was accompanied by Tommy *Flanagan* (piano), Joe Pass (guitar), Bobby Durham (drums) and Keater Betts (bass).
10.40 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick. **11.25 Weather.**
11.30 World Snooker. *Coverage of* the final frames of the last two second round matches in the Embassy World Professional championship, introduced by David Vine.
12.10am Open University: Arts Foundation Course — The Albert memorial. Ends at **12.40.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **The Sports Show** introduced by Geoff Clark; **6.30 The Morning Show** with *Richard Keys, includes national* and international news, financial reports, weather and travel bulletins; **7.00 Good Morning Britain** presented *by* Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. After Nine's guests include Nicky Henson.
9.25 Thames news.
9.30 Cross Wits. A new series of the word game presented by Tom O'Connor. **10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 News** headlines
10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a *discussion on the outcome* of the recent plane hijack. British hostages in the studio are linked-up to Kuwait to talk to the pilot, Captain Sobhi Yousef **11.10 Let's Pretend** to the tale of *The Sailor Who Lost His Boat* **11.25 Thames news** headlines.
11.30 Stress. This third of six films examines the effects of stress on children **12.00 The Sullivans 12.30 Quandaries.** Quiz game
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20 Thames news**
1.30 Film: Ghost Ship (1952, b/w) starring *Dermot Walsh and Hazel* Court. The story of a couple who buy a motor yacht and then discover that the crew refuse to sail her because it is haunted. Directed by Vernon Sewell.
3.00 Currents. Monthly religious *current affair series* **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 The Young Doctors.**
4.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales *for children* **4.10** ***The Moomins*** (r). **4.20 The Real Ghostbusters 4.45 City Tails.** The final episode *of the children's drama serial* and Mr Lambert realizes his ambition of closing down the City Farm. Starring Anton *Rodgers, Alexei Sayle and* Tony Robinson.
5.15 Winner Takes All. Family quiz game introduced by Geoffrey Wheeler.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news.**
6.30 Reporting London investigates *the plight of a mother of four* children whom she has not seen for three years since they were abducted by their *Tunisian father after their divorce.*
7.00 Nature Watch. Julian Pettifer visits a threatened herd of African black rhino. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. Audrey finally comes home to Alf. (Oracle)
8.00 All in Good Faith. Comedy starring Richard Briers as an inner-city vicar tonight having trouble with a nervous groom. (Oracle)
8.30 World in Action: The Hanging Debate. A House of Commons-type debate on the return of the death penalty featuring 12 *MPs who are likely to speak* when the real debate takes place within the next few weeks.
9.00 Boon. Drama series starring Michael Elphick (r). (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall **10.30 Thames news.**
10.35 Film: The Hostage Heart (1977) starring Bradford Dillman and Loretta Swit. A made-for-*television drama about a group of* terrorists who demand a ransom from a wealthy industrialist who is undergoing *heart surgery. Directed by* Bernard McEveety.
12.15am I Spy. Vintage American espionage series starring Robert Culp ond Bill Cosby.
1.10 Sportsworld Extra featuring tennis (Becker v Edberg) and a *round up of European football* news.
2.00 News headlines followed by **Film: Press For Time** (1966) starring Norman Wisdom causing chaos as a cub reporter. Directed by Robert Asher.
4.00 News *headlines followed by* **Taxi.** Comedy series.
4.30 Starring the Actors with Burt Reynolds.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools: life on Fair Isle, Britain's remotest inhabited island **9.47** A day in the life of a seven-year-old, partially-sighted girl **10.04** Keeping houses *and bodies warm and cool* **10.21** Children talk of their fears and worries **10.33** English: understanding television **11.00** Conservation in the city **11.17** Children make plaster casts of funny faces **11.29** The story of *Muddy Milly*, by Tony Ross **11.41** Maths: solids.
12.00 Just 4 Fun. *Timeless Tales* and *Pob's Stories* — two programmes for children.
12.30 Business Daily.
1.00 Open Exchange. Magazine *series for all involved in open* learning.
2.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show
3.00 Jack Lewis' Year. A film portrait of Jack Lewis, gamekeeper, village elder and *enthusiastic gardener, made* shortly before his death in 1985 aged in his eighties. He talks about his 80 years as a countryman, 40 of those living in Bowders Farm near Balcombe by the Ashdown Forest. The *reporter is Peter Williams (r).*
4.00 Mavis on 4. In this last of the series Mavis Nicholson meets Indian writer Nirad Chaudhuri, a sprightly 90-year-old.
4.30 Countdown. Friday's winner of the words and numbers game is *challenged by Colin Wood, a* pianist from Acker Bilk's Paramount Jazz Band. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster, assisted by Dinah Sheridan in the dictionary corner.
5.00 The Munsters *(b/w). Vintage* American comedy series about a ghoulish family. Starring Fred Gwynne and Yvonne de Carlo
5.30 The Beverly Hillbillies (b/w). Elly enrols in a finishing school and starts a *new fashion.* Starring, this week, Sharon Tate.
6.00 Coping. A follow-up to last week's programme about Fred who has to use a dialysis machine. This evening's programme follows his progress from the time he is called *to the hospital to receive a* kidney transplant.

Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin star in Kate and Allie (C4, 8.30pm)

6.30 Listening Eye. This third of a seven-programme current affairs *series for the hard-of-hearing* includes news of Bulmershe College in Reading which offers a one year acting course for deaf students.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Anne Perkins.
7.50 Comment and Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Bobby Grant receives a letter from the Marriage Guidance Council. (Oracle)
8.30 Kate & Allie. American comedy series starring Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin as two *divorcees who decide to pool* resources.
9.00 Revolution Revisited. The third of four programmes in which Daniel Cohn-Bendit looks back at the upheavals of the late 1960s in Europe and America. *Tonight's programme focuses on* Fernando Gabira and Alfredo Sirkis, two Brazilian guerillas.
10.00 Nagging Doubt. Jack Klaff's one-man drama about the tragic events of March 21 1960 in South Africa when the world was *stunned by the new of the* Sharpeville *massacre (r).*
11.05 The Eleventh Hour: The Cold War Game — The USSR. (see Choice)
12.05am Darkest England. A drama documentary examining Victorian *attitudes to sex, poverty and* imperialism (r). Ends at **1.10.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES: 5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** News followed by Neighbours **11.50** Rugby Special (Ireland v England) (Scotland v Wales Under-21s) **12.50am-12.55** News and weather **SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00** Seall Seo **6.35-7.00** Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** *Inside Ulster* **6.35** *Neighbours* **6.58-7.00** News **10.10** I'm a Starter **10.50** Come Dancing **11.35** Film 88 **12.05am** Close **ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: High Tide at Noon* **6.00** About Anglia **6.30-7.00** Mr *Rapton's Advice* **10.30-1.10am** Film: The Blues Brothers **2.00-4.00** Film: Artists and Models* **4.30-5.00** Farming Diary.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: Hell Drivers* **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.35** *Falcon Crest* **11.30** *Alfred Hitchcock Presents* **11.55** America's Top Ten **12.25am** Close

CENTRAL As London except: **12.00noon** Quandaries **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20** News **1.30** Film: The Great Waldo Pepper **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** News **6.35-7.00** Heart of the Country **10.35** ECO **11.05** Big Match **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.35am** Film: Gambit **2.35** Sportsweek **3.05** World's Beyond **4.25-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: **12.00noon** Spice of Life **12.30pm-1.00** Arcade **1.20** News **1.30** Film: Cup of Kindness **3.00-3.30** Quandaries **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** AIDS The Channel Islands' Campaign **10.35** Film: The World Is Full of Married Men **12.15am** *Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased)* **1.15** I Spy **2.15** Sports Special **2.45** Company, Close

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30** Film: Tigers Don't Cry **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** *In Loving Memory* **10.35** Under Fire **11.05** Big Match **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.35am** Film Gambit **2.35** Sportsweek **3.05** Late Night Theatre **3.35** European Top 40 **4.35-5.00** Jobfinder

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: The Trap **6.00-7.00** News **10.35** Royal Forest of Dean **11.05** Film: Black Torment **12.40am** Close

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-7.00** Wales At Six **10.35** Double Take **11.35-12.35am** The Duke Lives On: John Wayne.

TSW As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Country Practice **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Passionate Summer **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** Boat Show **10.35** Season of Folk **11.05** A Twist of Sand **12.45am** Postscript, Close

TVS As London except: **12.00noon** Spice of Life **12.30pm-1.00** Arcade **1.20** News **1.30** Film: A Cup of Kindness* **3.00-3.30** Quandaries **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Challenge of the South **10.35** Film: The World is Full of Married Men **12.15am** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **1.15** I Spy **2.15** Sports Special **2.45** Company, Close

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.25** Lookaround **1.30-3.30** Film: Cave In **6.00-7.00** Northern Life **10.35** *Inquisition* **11.05** *Police Precinct* **12.00** Epilogue **12.10am-6.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** Newstime **1.30** Film: Esther Waters **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Six Tonight **6.30-7.00** Ulster Way **10.35** *Medicine Matters* **11.05** *Carson's Law* **12.00** Moviemakers **12.25am** News, Close

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** 9 to 5 **1.20** News **1.30** Film. High Tide at Noon* **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** *Benson* **10.35** *Calendar Commentary* **11.05** Prisoner. Cell Block H **12.00** Best and Marsh... The Perfect Match **12.30am** Jobfinder **1.30** Close

S4C Starts: **9.30am** Schools **12.00** Countdown **12.30pm** Business Daily **1.00** Open College **2.00** *Late Late Show* **3.00** *Story of Fashion* **4.15** Llunau Dydd Llun **4.30** Tu Hwnt I'R Lloer **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies* **5.30** Mavis on 4 **6.00** Land of Hope **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Arolwg II **8.00** Taudu'r Mans **8.35** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **9.20** Snwcer **9.50** Opera On Four: Macbeth **12.20am** Close

RTE 1 Starts: **3.00pm** 'Live' at Three **4.00** Dempsey's Den **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.35** Smurfs **5.05** Bailebeag **5.15** Littlest Hobo **5.45** News **6.00** Angelus **6.01** Newstime **6.30** Red Serge **7.00** Evening Extra **7.25** Give Us A Chance **7.55** Boon **9.00** News **9.30** Miami Vice **10.25** Hanly's People **10.55** Amen **11.20** News, Close

RTE 2 Starts: **5.05pm** Emmerdale Farm **5.30** The English House **6.00** Kids of Degrassi Street **6.30** Country Practice **7.00** Mr Belvedere **7.30** Coronation Street **8.00** Nuacht **8.10** Suil Thart **8.30** Mini Series: Troubles **10.30** Newsnight **10.50** *Durrell in Russia* **11.20** *Nightlight*, Close

Pastiche Russian poster depicting an ironic view of Russo-American co-operation (*The Cold War Game: C4, 11.05pm*)

Bear's eye view of the Cold War

TELEVISION CHOICE

● With the next Reagan-Gorbachov summit looming on the Moscow horizon, **The Cold War Game** (Channel 4, 11.05pm) provides an opportune background briefing though not one likely to commend *itself* to either side. In two parts (the second is on Thursday), it presents views of the Cold War first from the Soviet perspective and then from the American. Tonight's survey of Russian foreign policy, masterminded by Jonathan Steele of *The Guardian*, *largely contradicts* the popular Western image of a ruthless imperial power. In*stead, the programme* argues, the Soviet Union's actions been more often defensive *than aggressive (little wonder*, when you think how often the country has been invaded) and its *actions governed by* expediency rather than ideology. How else to explain the 1939 pact *with Hitler, support* for the restoration of the Italian monarchy after Musso*lini or the warm relations with* Egypt at a time when Nasser was putting scores of communists in jail? Again and again the Soviet Union has threatened confrontation and then backed down. Having provoked the Berlin airlift, it did nothing to stop it. When the Cuban missile crisis threatened a third world war, the Russians quietly dismantled the bases. In its attempts to court the countries of the Third World it has been blunderingly ineffective, underestimating the force of non-aligned nationalism and ending up with few friends. It is a provocative thesis and not always a convincing one. Episodes like the invasion of Afghanistan are too easily dismissed. But this is a meaty and seriously-argued programme which digs considerably deeper than the usual clips-and-interviews approach to television documentary.

Peter Waymark

The radio Oscars

RADIO CHOICE

● No need to convince faithful listeners that, artistry-wise, radio can stand comparison with TV, theatre and cinema any day of the year. But it is not a bad thing when, once a year, this fact is publicly acknowledged as it is today in **Gloria Hunniford at the Sony Radio Awards** (Radio 2, 2.05pm). This is the Oscar ceremony writ small and, necessarily, without pictures. But what need of pictures when radio is still the greatest picture painter of them all? The awards categories remain the same as in previous years: best drama, best actor and actress, best radio personality and so on. What distinguishes the Sony Awards from other honours ceremonies is that the suspense is not slackened by the advance public dissemination of what, in the world of the turf, would be called the list of runners.

● In **Something To Be Spared** (Radio 4, 8.15pm), Margaret Gillard has tried, successfully for the main part, to give dramatic plausibility to a three-cornered relationship which, in real life, was scarcely credible. It concerns the prose writer and subsequent war poet Edward Thomas, his wife, and song-writer Eleanor Farjeon, the family friend whose love for Thomas was no secret to his wife but was not suspected by him. Initial stiltedness apart, Gillard has sensitively knitted together the literary and romantic strands of this sad story, and Ronald Pickup (as Thomas), Sarah Badel (as his wife) and Janet Maw (Eleanor Farjeon) touchingly act them out.

Ronald Pickup as war poet Edward Thomas (R4, 8.15pm)

Peter Davalle

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see below) **5.30** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (*Frank Partridge*) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Liz Kershaw **10.00-12.00** *John Peel* **VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2 4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see Radio 1) **4.00** Colin Berry **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** *Derek Jameson* **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Anne Robinson **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford at the Sony *Radio Awards 1988 (see Choice)* **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band *Special* **9.00** Humphrey Lyttleton with The Best of Jazz **10.00** The Clever Dick-Athlon [new series] **10.30** The Monday Movie Quiz [new series] **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight **1.00** Patrick Lunt presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Six Cities 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Can Communism Cope? 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Behind the Wall 8.30 Anything Goes 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Good Books 9.30 *Financial News* 9.35 Sports Roundup 9.45 Peebles' Choice 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Six Cities 10.30 Londres Midi 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Tech Talk 11.30 Album Time 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 My Word 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Anything Goes 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Cannery Row 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Six Cities 3.45 The Seven Ages of Man 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 English by Radio 4.45 Londres Soir 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 Programmes in German 7.00 *Outlook* 7.39 *Stock Market Report* 7.45 Peebles' Choice 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Sports International 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Journey Round My People 9.30 Vintage Chart Show 10.00 World News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 *Commentary* 11.15 Education Today 11.30 Multitrack 1 12.00 World News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Karajan at 80 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Short Story 1.45 Journey Round My People 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Sports International 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Six Four Eight News 3.35 Financial News 3.45 Morgenmagazin 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News and Twenty-Four Hours 5.30 Londres Matin.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Byrd (Motet — Sing Joyfully unto God Our Strength: Choir of King's College Cambridge *under Cleobury*): Fauré (Elégie; Thomas Igloi, cello, and Clifford Benson, piano): Larsson (Little Serenade: *Stockholm Sinfonietta under* Esa-Pekka Salonen): Lutoslawski (Variations on a theme by Paganini: Martha *Argerich and Nelson Freire*, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert contd: Bach (Suite No 4 in D (BWV 1069): Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Marriner); Janequin (Or vien ça: Ensemble Clement Janequin); Poulenc (Concert champêtre: Rotterdam PO under Conlon, with Ton Koopman, harpsichord); Stravinsky (Scherzo à la Russe: Philharmonia under *Tilson Thomas)*
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Haydn (1732-1809). Includes *recordings of String Quartet* in F minor, Op 20 No 5, Pro Arte Quartet; and Symphony No 52 in C minor, Philharmonia Hungarica under Dorati
9.35 Mendelssohn (new series): Piano recital by Daniel Adni of Lieder ohne Worte; Book 6, Op 67; and Variations sérieuses, Op 54
10.05 Bach, Orch Schoenberg: Chorale prelude Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele (BWV 654), Columbia SO under Robert Craft; and Prelude and Fugue in E flat (BWV 522 (St Anne), USSR SO under Rozhdestvensky
10.30 Lindsay String Quartet: Britten's Quaratet No 2 in C, Op 36 (r)
11.05 Goetz, Sullivan and Shaw (*new series*): Barry McGovern (as Bernard Shaw) introduces a concert recorded last year in *Belfast. Ulster Orchestra* under Nicholas Braithwaite, with Hamish Milne, piano, perform Sullivan's Overture *di ballo, and Symphony in E* (Irish); and Goetz's Piano Concerto in B flat — Spring Overture
1.00 News
1.05 Lunchtime Concert: Live from St John's Smith Square. Jill Gomez, soprano, and Graham Johnson, piano, perform works by Schubert, Britten and Roberto Gerhard
2.00 Music Weekly: with items on Mendelssohn's Lieder ohne Worte and Janacek's *unfinished symphony (r)*

Edita Gruberova as Lucia di Lammermoor (R3, 7.30pm)

2.45 Karajan Conducts the Philharmonia: Recordings of Mozart's Serenade, Eine kleine Nachtmusik (K 525) and Divertimento in B flat (K 287); *and* Prokofiev's *Peter* and the Wolf (with Peter Ustinov, narrator)
4.10 Hans Gal's Quartets: *introduced by Hugh* Macdonald. Edinburgh Quartet play Wolf's Italian Serenade; and Gal's Quartet No 2, Op 35
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: presented by Peter Paul Nash
6.00 *Music* for Organ: *last* of three recitals from St Marylebone Parish Church
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Julian Spalding talks to sculptor Michael Sandle
7.30 Lucia di Lammermoor: Act One. Mozart's three-act opera sung in Italian, from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. Conductor is John Pritchard With Paul Crook, tenor, Wolfgang Brendel, baritone, Giorgio Surian, bass, and Edita Gruberova, soprano **8.15** Revitalising Revivals: *Christopher Cook examines* the art of reviving opera productions **8.40** Act Two **9.20** Obsession in Opera: *Peter Conrad considers the* nature of obsessions in operas such as Salome and Death in Venice **9.40** Act *Three*
10.25 Words (r)
10.30 Baroque Concertos: Vivaldi (Bassoon Concerto in G (RV 493): *Franz Liszt CO under* Sandor); Telemann (Violin Concerto in B flat (*Pisendel*): Concerto Amsterdam with Jaap Schröder
11.00 Composers of the Week. Britten in America (r)
12.00 News **12.05** *Closedown*

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on **VHF**
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer For The Day
6.30 Today, presented by Peter Hobday and Chris Lowe, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** Today's News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** *Thought for the Day*
8.35 The Week on 4: Eugene Fraser previews the week's broadcasting
8.42 Andy Kershaw: visits the BBC Sound Archives and hears about sleep **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Start The Week: presented by Alan Whicker whose guests are John Mortimer, Jackie Collins, two authors of different styles; David Steel, leader of the Liberal *party; and master chef* Anton Mosimann, formerly of The Dorchester (s)
10.00 News; Money Box: *Financial news and advice* presented by Louise Botting (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Choosing a Father, *by Leslie Halward.* Read by William Eedle
10.45 Daily Service from St George's Church, Belfast
11.00 News; Travel; *Down Your* Way: Lavinia McMenemy on the Isle of Wight (r)
11.50 Poetry Please: Presented by Sean Street, with readers Denys Hawthorne and Bonnie Hurren (s)
12.00 News: You and Yours with John Howard
12.25 Brain of Britain 1988: Robert Robinson chairs the nationwide general knowledge quiz (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World At One: presented by Brian Widlake
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: *presented by Jenni Murray* who talks to wine expert Jancis Robinson about her new book On the Demon *Drink; plus a discussion* about the role small businesses are playing in the economy
3.00 News: *The Unexpected* Death of Jimmy Blizzard: Play by Robert Ellison, with Ian McElhinney, Stella McCusker and Eoin O'Callaghan (s) (r)
4.15 Sound Treasures from the Past: Carney Gavin talks about a landmark in "phono-archaeology"
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Christopher Cook investigates the art of writing a film script and the reasons why many of today's films are adaptations of books (r)
5.00 PM: presented by Gordon Clough and Valerie Singleton **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Bryan Martin; Financial Report
6.30 *Unnatural Acts*: Jeremy Hardy, Kit Hollerbach, Paul B Davies and Caroline Leddy star in a sit-com about four friends living in the same house. A local vicar comes to tea (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme: Presented by Derek Cooper, reports on organic food production. Guest is John Gummer MP (r)
7.45 Science on 4: Peter Evans reports on the latest discoveries and developments in science, medicine, and technology (r)
8.15 *Something To Be Spared*: Play by Margaret Gillard based on the life of poet and writer Edward Thomas (s) (see Choice)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Features reviews of John Updike's novel S, Oliver Stone's new film *Wall Street*, starring Michael Douglas in his Oscar-winning role, and a report on the winners in today's Sony Radio Awards
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: God's Snake by Irini Spanidou. Read by Paola Dionisotti (1 of 10) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: with Richard Kershaw
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** and **11.20** Making Work (s) **11.40** Fashion, Design, and Marketing **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner **2.00** and **2.20** Running Your Office **2.40** The YTS Road **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30** *Open University*: **11.30** Open Forum **11.50** Gibbon's Attack on Christianity **12.10am** Music Interlude **12.30-1.10** *Schools Night-Time (s) The best of* Come and Praise

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US to keep SS chief's file closed

By David Nicholson-Lord

Britain appears to be alone in its decision to reopen the files on the alleged war crimes of Wilhelm Mohnke, the former SS major-general accused of responsibility for the massacre of 70 unarmed British prisoners of war near Dunkirk in 1940.

Fresh evidence emerged yesterday showing Mohnke ordered the killings.

There is also thought to be strong evidence against him over two other incidents, one involving the killing of 72 American PoWs in the Ardennes in December 1944 and the killing of three unarmed Canadian servicemen in Normandy in June 1944. But neither country is yet contemplating a reopening of its investigation.

The Office of Special Investigations in Washington yesterday declined to comment but indicated no action was imminent. The Department of Justice in Ottawa gave a similar response. Canadian law means that no investigations can be initiated against foreign nationals not on Canadian soil.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, last week promised a "rigorous" re-examination of Ministry of Defence files on the killing of the prisoners of war to see if there is a basis for action against Herr Mohnke.

Evidence emerged yesterday indicating Mohnke as the officer who ordered the killings of more than 80 captured British soldiers in a barn at Wormhoudt in May 1940. Only a dozen survived.

A preliminary investigation by a British war crimes unit, passed to a Sunday paper, names Mohnke, along with men of of the Second Battalion of the First SS Regiment Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler. However, the men claimed in interrogation that the action was taken in retaliation against the wounding of an SS guard by a captured British soldier.

A subsequent report by war crimes investigators, the contents of which were divulged to *The Times* yesterday, disproves this claim. A copy of the report, which forms part of a public records file under Government embargo until 2011, is in the hands of Mr Ian Sayer, publisher of the magazine *World War II Investigator*, whose researchers traced Mohnke and who is campaigning for justice for survivors.

The second report, which would have been passed to the Judge Advocate General of the British armed forces, names Mohnke as well as seven officers from a different SS company. It also contains the results of a ballistic investigation indicating that the wounded SS man was shot with a German bullet.

Mohnke, who is named on the United Nations' central register of war criminals, was sought by American, Canadian and British investigators after the war, when he was in Russian captivity.

The Canadian authorities are on record as saying they would have prosecuted him had he been captured. Seventy-three officers in the chain of command responsible for the killing of the Americans during the Battle of the Bulge in 1944 were later put on trial and found guilty. Only Mohnke, then commander of the First SS Panzer Division could not be tried.

Arafat arrives in Syria for talks

By Juan Carlos Gumucio

Mr Yassir Arafat yesterday made his first trip to Damascus in five years, effectively ushering the Palestine Liberation Organization into a new chapter of relations with Syria.

Mr Arafat's arrival in the Syrian capital crowned Libyan and Algerian efforts to try to reconcile the two most important factors of the Arab campaign against Israel.

Mr Arafat's trip comes in the wake of the assassination of Mr Khalil al-Wazir, the organization's military commander gunned down in Tunis by gunmen widely believed to be Israeli agents.

His arrival from the Libyan capital, Tripoli, was a low key event although the security measures were impressive.

The PLO chairman was barely seen by reporters as he walked into the VIP lounge of Damascus Airport accompanied by Mr Mohammad Harba, the Syrian Interior Minister, and Mr Saeed Hamadi, a member of the regional command of the ruling Baath Party.

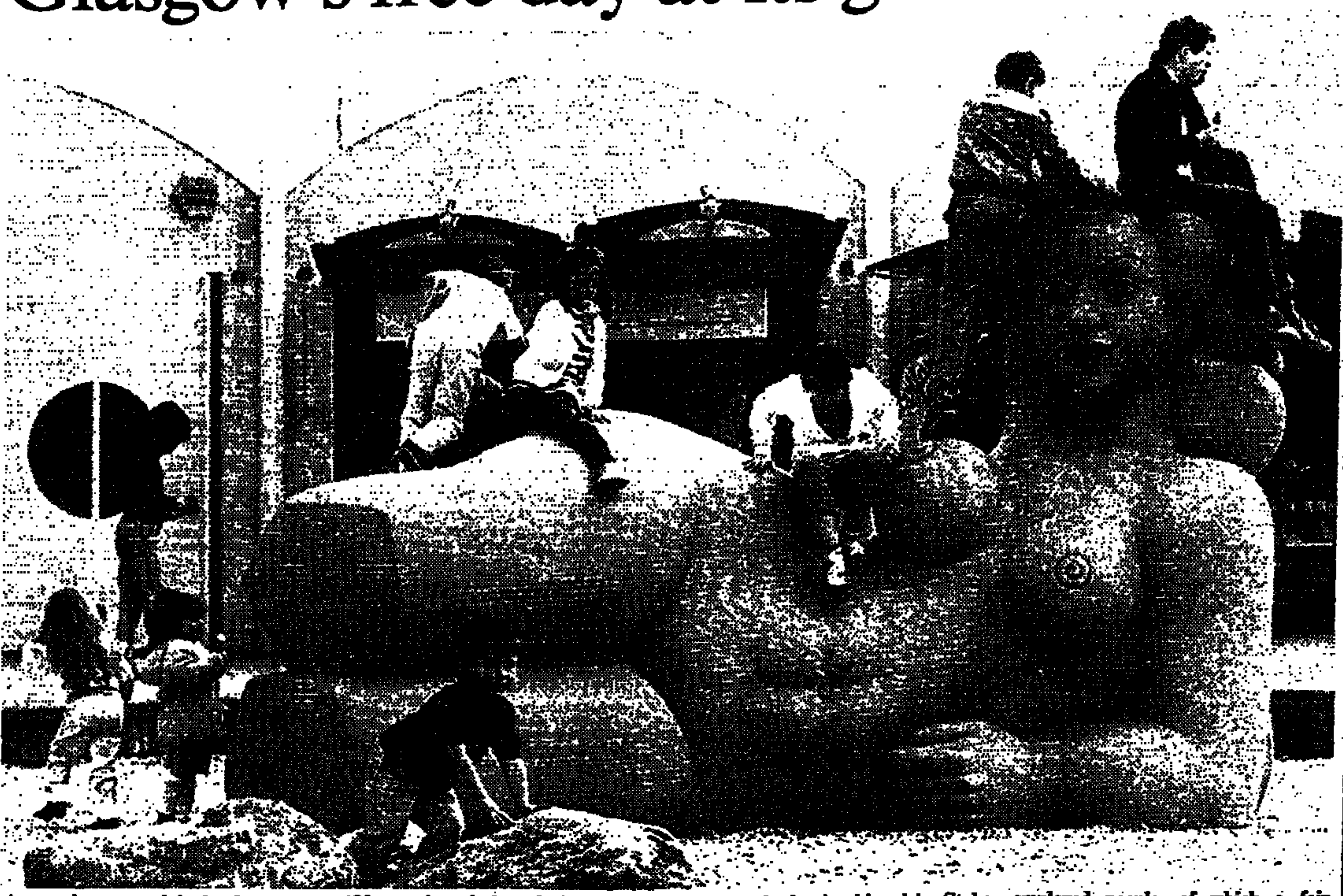
Both officials had formed the welcoming committee that greeted Mr Arafat on the tarmac.

News about Mr Arafat's presence in Syria immediately provoked loud, emotional demonstrations of support in the streets of the Yarmouk refugee camp. Reports from Damascus said thousands of Palestinians chanting "We sacrifice our blood and our souls for you, Abu Ammar" surrounded Mr Arafat's car and lifted it off the ground, cheering their leader inside.

Mr Arafat's first act in Damascus was to visit the camp's "martyr's cemetery", where Mr al-Wazir, who was perhaps better known by his nom-de-guerre of Abu Jihad, was buried on Tuesday. When one reporter asked him whether he was going to meet President Assad, the PLO leader replied: "God willing."

Syrian officials and PLO leaders who had been ironing out details of the visit for the past week were certain that Mr Arafat and President Assad will have more than one chance to hold face-to-face talks for the first time since their differences led them to a bloody confrontation in 1983.

Glasgow's free day at its garden festival



As a pale sun grudgingly shone over Glasgow yesterday, almost 30,000 people had their first free glimpse of the city's Garden Festival, five days before its official opening. Some found an adventurous use for the statuary (Kerry Gill writes). Festival employees in lurid anoraks scurried about the 120-acre site painting, picking up litter and adjusting lumps of turf.The festival organizers love to quote figures. The Glasgow Garden Festival, to be visited by the Prince and Princess of Wales next Friday, now has £16 million worth of backing, season ticket sales have passed 100,000 (more than 10 times the level achieved by Stoke two years ago) and 500,000 trees and shrubs have been planted along with millions of flowers and bulbs. To succeed, the festival has to recoup £20 million. It hopes for 4 million visitors. Tickets will cost £5 a day for adults and £2.50 for children. Unemployed people, of which a fair number live in the vicinity, will be charged £4. And if it all proves to much for the beholders, three rapid response teams with inflatable craft will be on hand to rescue anyone who might fall into the Clyde.

Photograph: Tom Kidd

Mitterrand sweeps to victory

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of Mare. Rebel sources said as many as 50 gendarmes and riot police were trapped.

Late last night, three helicopters carrying police and paramilitary reinforcements were flown from the capital, Noumea, to the island, where telephone and air links have been cut.

For the first time in the history of Corsican violence, a booby-trapped car exploded on Friday night near Calvi in upper Corsica, injuring five gendarmes from mainland France who were stationed there. The outlawed pro-independence FLNC movement claimed responsibility for the bomb.

In the Middle East, the latest secret negotiations to try to get the three remaining French hostages in Lebanon freed to coincide with the elections failed.

On Friday, a private Swiss jet carrying four negotiators landed at Beirut airport. There have been persistent rumours that some form of agreement had been reached by the Interior Minister, M Charles Pasqua, to enable M Marcel Carton, M Marcel Fontaine and M Jean-Paul Kauffmann to return home after three years in the hands of the Islamic Jihad movement.

The rumours intensified after the end of the Kuwait Airlines hijacking, but on Saturday the negotiators left Beirut without the hostages.

P&O set to dismiss strikers

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discuss with the NUS ways of thwarting the move.

A skeleton crew to man some of the five company ships in Rotterdam was flown out by the company at the weekend. They had all responded to the direct appeal by the company to ignore union-led negotiations and sign new agreements putting them on salaries of between £11,000 and £17,000.

In return, the company has demanded the end of demarcation and an additional 29 shifts a year of 24 hours. P&O says this will still give ratings up to 39 weeks holiday a year.

The company also claims that 60 per cent of the 1,704 men it needs to man the fleet have already signed the new agreement.

A director of the company claimed yesterday that one crew member, living in Deal, had his car aerial ripped off. It had been left with a note saying: "This will be wrapped around the neck of your child."

Mr Dunlop said: "People are being physically intimidated and misled. This is intolerable. Sam McCluskey, general secretary of the NUS is making wild, ugly statements on television about mass pickets. This is clearly threatening and grossly irresponsible. Does he know that children are being threatened.?

"Mr McCluskey and his associates are supporting an undemocratic minority. It is notable that his job is not at risk."

Ratings who have signed the new terms of employment have been guaranteed "full backing" from the company.

P&O has indicated that if its gamble fails, it will consider putting its entire Dover-based fleet up for sale.

It maintains that without changed work practices, it will not be able profitably to meet competition posed by the Channel Tunnel and increased costs threatend by European legislation to abolish duty-free concessions and impose VAT on ticket sales and fuel.

● **Quiet preparation:** One of the first P&O ferries expected to go back into operation during the next few days was yesterday standing idle on the quayside at Calais (the Press Association reports).

There was no sign on the vessel, the Pride of Canterbury, of the seamen who have been spirited to the Continent by P&O during the past few days to get the company's fleet of 11 ferries operating again.

And the handful of crewmen, apparently maintenance workers, who were on board, were giving no clue as to when the vessel was likely to sail.

They refused to say how many were looking after the ferry until she sails for Dover nor when the skeleton crew said to be preparing to join them was expected to arrive.

One man on board the Pride of Canterbury, his white overalls stained with oil, shouted from the decks of the vessel: "We are not answering any questions."

Ministers try to pacify benefits rebels

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opposition motion that most worries ministers.

The role of Mr Major is clearly important. When minister for social security he was deeply involved in drawing up the new system. As a Treasury minister he would normally be expected to be against making costly changes.

However, Conservative MPs who have raised their concerns with him are convinced that he accepts the political case for change, and that he is determined to take the initiative in easing the Government's troubles.As a Treasury minister it is felt that could act as a bridge between the Department of Health and Social Security and the Prime Minister.

As the Government faces another troubled week, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, denied it was unable to carry the party on key issues. He said in a BBC interview: "We do have the support of the party for the policies we are carrying forward and we shall go on with them".

John Major: Key figure in staving off rebellion.

The Labour Party sought yesterday to capitalize on the Government's discomfort in advance of Wednesday's debate by releasing figures showing that the majority of losers from the housing benefit changes were in Conservative constituencies.

Mr Robin Cook, Labour's health and social services spokesman, said Government figures showed that more than 2.75 million households in Tory constituencies had lost out on the housing benefit changes, and more than 500,000 had lost all their benefit. This represented 56 per cent of the losers across England and Wales.

He said: "These figures show how painfully embarrassing the social security cuts have become for Tory backbenchers. Our debate on Wednesday gives them a chance to press the Government to change a system which has turned out to be even more cruel than we feared."

The Government whips are expecting another sizeable revolt tonight before the community charge Bill is sent to the Lords. About 20 Conservatives could vote against the third reading.

Ministers again yesterday emphasized their determination to press ahead without further concessions. They will continue to argue that the Lords should not drastically amend a measure that was included in the election manifesto.

Lawson in revival of rift over sterling

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will be cut again if it is necessary to stem sterling's rise, in spite of figures published last week showing a worrying growth in money and credit.

Mr Lawson pre-empted the report of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, to be published this afternoon, which will say that the Bank of England recorded a book loss of £1.3 billion in buying dollars to hold sterling down last year.

The report, he said, was bound to be critical, for that was the job of the committee. But he rejected the suggestion that last year's intervention to hold down sterling had been inflationary.

MPs were astonished by the Chancellor's comments on the row with Mrs Thatcher, and his criticism of her for speaking out in public. The implication of his remarks was that the Prime Minister did not understand financial markets.

Asked whether Mrs Thatcher's public intervention had "devalued his office", Mr Lawson said: "I do not think she devalued my office, I do think one needs to be very careful about how one talks about these matters in public."

Mrs Thatcher twice made statements on the pound in the week before the Budget. On March 8, she apparently ruled out either interest rate cuts or intervention in the markets to hold down sterling, because they were both inflationary.

On March 10, after the Chancellor had said that a stable exchange rate was desirable and that the pound was unlikely to rise much further, Mrs Thatcher said: "You can't buck the market."

Mr Lawson said yesterday that the central banks could exert a considerable influence on the markets and that it was only important that any such intervention did not go against economic fundamentals. He said there were many circumstances when the markets were out of line with these fundamentals.

Many economists, including senior Treasury and Bank of England officials, believe this to be the case for the pound at present. They are worried that sterling's upward momentum could be reversed later in the year.

Important trade figures are due to be published on Friday. The figures, for March, are expected to show a narrowing of the current account deficit from the £1.5 billion recorded over the first two months of the year.

The Chancellor offered no hints about his political future yesterday but gave the impression that he would still be Chancellor at the time of the next Budget in March 1989.

Saying he had "no ambition to be Prime Minister", Mr Lawson continued: "At the moment I am carrying on with my job."

Mr Gordon Brown MP, Labour Treasury spokesman, said later: "What the interview showed was that the Chancellor and the Prime Minister are at loggerheads and always have been over the one fundamental issue of economic policy.

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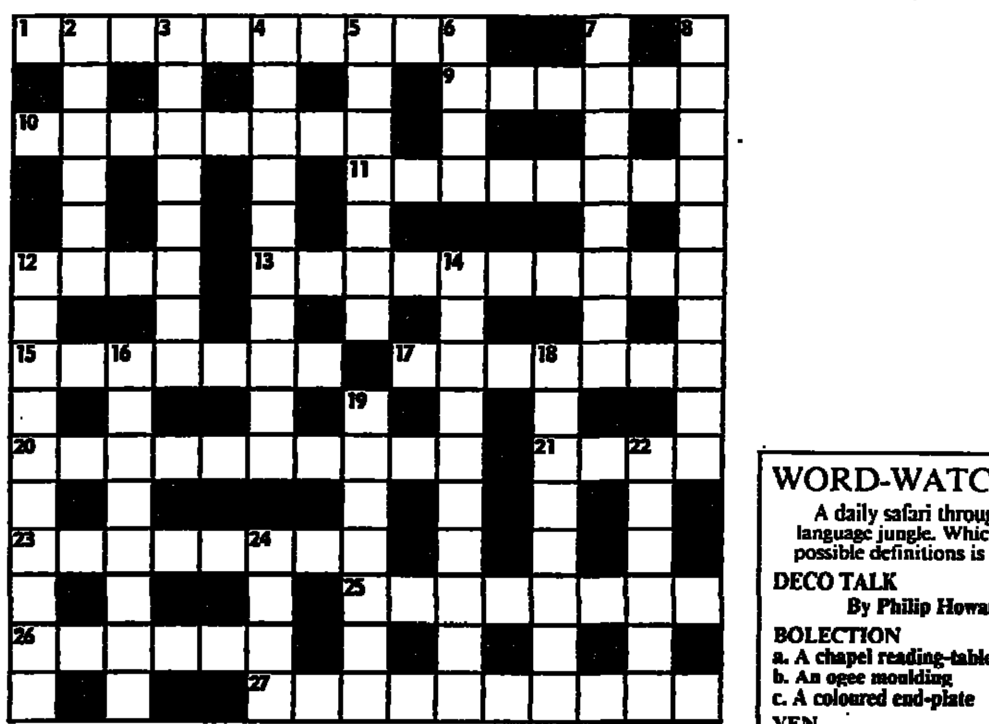

ACROSS

1 Setting right about the sauce (10).
9 A seaman told to go elsewhere (6).
10 Reads about a pit disaster making the headlines (8).
11 Speculate – the alternative is to take direction (8).
12 In some respects it's pure and simple (4).
13 Town that's split the country (10).
15 Plant giving neat edge (7).
17 One part may be variable (7).
20 Not even the college governors are members of society (10).
21 A letter written with school backing (4).
23 Fail – or pass by mistake? (8).
25 Beast keeping capture dark (8).
26 A writer, quiet and nice, possibly fifty (6).
27 Thinking to involve the non-male in negotiation (10).

DOWN

2 Turning pale, points to pass (6).
3 Possibly hurt, without being brutal (8).
4 Completely idle, but nevertheless fills up the cash-box! (5-5).
5 A second pressing (7).
6 Sports spectators could be barred (4).
7 Tied lace in a knot, being fastidious (8).
8 A non-drinker, an engineer, accepting tip for service (10).
12 This affords very little opportunity for exaggeration (10).
14 Where in London those entitled play tennis? (5,5).
16 Tot left in flight – it's staggering! (8).
18 In principle people will offer accommodation (8).
19 Flora was promoted on call up (7).
22 Practise lace-work and also drumming (6).
24 Handy source of dates? (4).

Concise crossword, page 12

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

DECO TALK

By Philip Howard

BOLECTION
a. A chapel reading-table
b. An ogee moulding
c. A coloured end-plate

YEN
a. A Chinese bronze
b. A type of Bulgarian lace
c. A ceramic passion

TONDER
a. Danish lace
b. A book-binder's thimble
c. Blonde tortoiseshell

NAUTILUS
a. A green water colour
b. A seaweed wool dye
c. A maker of nacre

Answers page 20, column 1

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,651 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

Scotland will be cloudy with a little rain in places but some sunny spells will develop during the afternoon. Northern Ireland, Wales and England will be generally dry with some sunny spells. Outlook: a little rain, some sunshine, generally rather cold.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	f	Luxembg	8	46	s
Algiers	23	73	s	Madrid	15	59	f
Amst'dm	8	46	s	Majorca	19	66	f
Athens	21	70	s	Malta	17	63	r
Bahrain	29	84	s	Moscow	9	48	c
Barcelna	18	64	s	Munich	8	46	s
Belgrade	1	34	sn	Naples	17	63	c
Berlin	5	41	f	N Delhi	31	88	f
Borde'x	12	54	c	Nice	17	63	s
Brussels	9	48	s	Oslo	6	43	s
Budapst	8	46	s	Paris	13	55	s
Cairo	24	75	f	Peking	24	75	s
Cape Tn	15	59	c	Perth	21	70	f
C'blanca	18	64	f	Prague	5	41	s
Ch'church	12	54	c	Reykjvik	7	45	r
C'phagn	6	43	f	Rhodes	20	68	s
Corfu	19	66	f	Rio de J	24	75	c
Dublin	9	48	f	Riyadh	23	73	f
Dubrovnik	16	61	c	Rome	16	61	f
Faro	18	64	s	Seoul	15	59	s
Florence	14	57	r	Sing'por	29	84	f
Frankfurt	9	48	s	St'kholm	3	37	c
Funchal	19	66	f	Strasb'rg	12	54	s
Geneva	10	50	f	Sydney	23	73	s
Gibraltar	21	70	c	Tangier	18	64	f
Helsinki	-3	27	sn	Tel aviv	19	66	c
Hong K	26	79	s	Tenerife	22	72	s
Innsbrck	13	55	s	Tokyo	17	63	f
Istanbul	16	61	s	Tunis	20	68	c
Karachi	32	90	s	Venice	9	48	f
L Palmas	22	72	f	Vienna	6	43	s
Le Tquet	11	52	f	Warsaw	4	39	sn
Lisbon	17	63	c	Wel'nton	15	59	s
Locarno	17	63	c	Zurich	10	50	s

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	5.6	-	7	45	sunny
Cromer	6.5	-	8	46	sunny
Lowestoft	7.4	-	8	46	sunny
Southend	•	-	8	46	sunny
Margate	5.5	-	8	46	sunny
Brighton	9.9	-	9	48	sunny
Sandown	6.0	-	10	50	sunny
Bournemth	9.5	-	13	55	sunny
Weymouth	8.5	-	11	52	sunny
Torquay	4.6	-	11	52	sunny
Penzance	5.5	-	12	54	gales
Scilly Isles	0.3	.96	10	50	bright
Jersey	4.7	-	11	52	bright
Ilfracombe	•	-	•	•	sunny
Minehead	2.9	-	11	52	bright
Morecambe	6.1	-	11	52	sunny
Douglas	•	-	10	50	bright
B'ham Airpt	6.9	-	10	50	bright
Carlisle	4.6	-	11	52	sunny
Nottingham	4.5	-	8	46	bright
Anglesey	6.1	-	13	55	bright
Colwyn Bay	7.8	-	11	52	sunny
Tenby	9.7	-	11	52	sunny
Aberdeen	11.6	-	8	46	sunny
Aviemore	11.1	-	9	48	sunny
Eskdalemuir	4.5	.01	9	48	sunny
Kinloss	11.1	-	11	52	sunny
Lerwick	12.6	-	7	45	sunny
Prestwick	0.2	-	10	50	cloudy
Stornoway	11.0	-	9	48	sunny
Tiree	4.4	-	9	48	bright
Wick	12.6	-	7	45	sunny

• Denotes figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.12	5.6	9.29	5.4
Aberdeen	9.01	3.1	10.24	3.1
Avonmouth	1.46	9.0	2.52	8.7
Belfast	6.43	2.9	7.52	2.6
Cardiff	1.31	8.5	2.37	8.3
Devonport	12.23	4.2	1.15	3.9
Dover	7.00	4.8	7.24	5.0
Falmouth	-	-	12.45	3.7
Glasgow	7.16	4.1	8.46	3.6
Harwich	7.27	3.0	7.39	2.8
Holyhead	6.13	4.2	7.22	4.1
Hull	1.43	5.1	1.50	5.4
Ilfracombe	1.10	6.4	2.04	6.2
Leith	10.32	4.1	11.22	4.2
Liverpool	6.50	6.9	7.49	6.8
Lowestoft	5.57	2.0	5.10	2.0
Margate	7.43	3.7	7.56	3.7
Milford Haven	1.28	4.9	2.28	4.7
Newquay	12.28	5.0	1.28	4.9
Oban	2.24	2.8	2.53	2.7
Penzance	-	-	12.34	3.9
Portland	12.34	1.3	3.30	1.1
Portsmouth	6.57	3.4	8.06	3.6
Shoreham	6.36	4.3	7.38	4.7
Southampton	6.35	3.3	7.47	3.5
Swansea	1.25	6.8	2.16	6.6
Tees	11.40	4.1	-	-
W'ton-on-Nze	7.27	3.2	7.46	3.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.575	2.445
Austria Sch	23	21.90
Belgium Fr	68.75	65.35
Canada $	2.42	2.30
Denmark Kr	12.55	11.95
Finland Mkk	7.84	7.44
France Fr	11.10	10.55
Germany Dm	3.27	3.11
Greece Dr	261	241
Hong Kong $	15.20	14.45
Ireland Pt	1.228	1.168
Italy Lira	2420	2310
Japan Yen	245.50	233.50
Netherlands Gld	3.655	3.485
Norway Kr	12.07	11.47
Portugal Esc	266	253
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.20
Spain Pta	215.50	204.50
Sweden Kr	11.50	10.95
Switzerland Fr	2.707	2.577
USA $	1.967	1.877
Yugoslavia Dnr	3200	2600

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Retail Price Index: 104.1 (March)

London: The *FT* index closed down 11.6 at 1411.6.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 27.59 at 2015.09.

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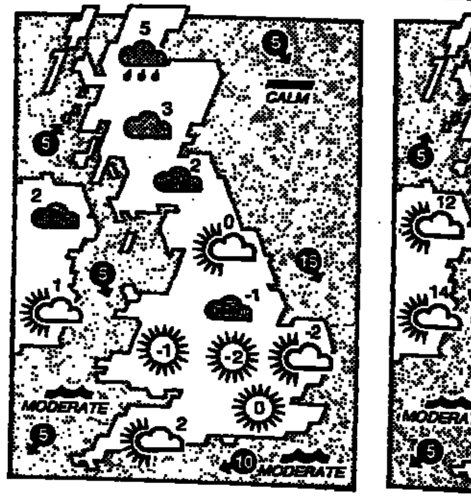

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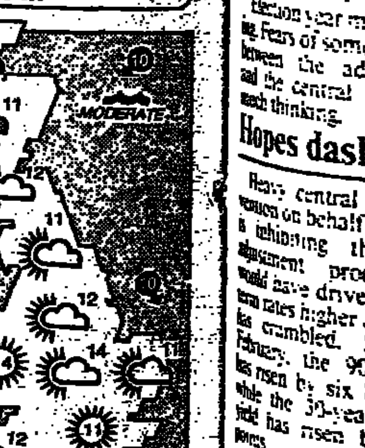

LONDON

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LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.44 pm to 5.12 am
Bristol 8.54 pm to 5.22 am
Edinburgh 9.10 pm to 5.10 am
Manchester 8.58 pm to 5.14 am
Penzance 9.02 pm to 5.37 am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Newquay, Cornwall, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Isles of Scilly, 0.96in; highest sunshine: Wick, Highland and Lerwick, Shetland, 12.6hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	8	46	c	Guernsey	10	50	s
B'rmghm	9	48	s	Inverness	9	48	c
Blackpool	9	48	f	Jersey	11	52	s
Bristol	11	52	s	London	10	50	s
Cardiff	9	48	s	M'chster	9	48	s
Edinburgh	8	46	c	Newcastle	8	46	s
Glasgow	8	46	f	R'nldsway	7	45	f

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Moon SETS	**Moon RISES**
3.50 am	1.02 pm

Full Moon May 2

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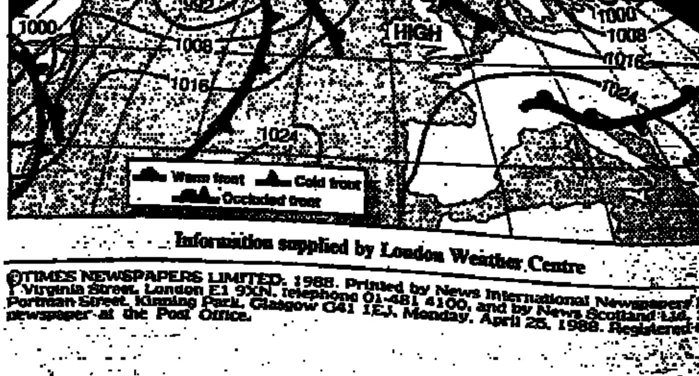

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STOCK MARKET

(Change on week)

FT 30 Share
1411.6 (-4.1)

FT-SE 100
1771.6 (-7.0)

Bargains
29201 (26144)

USM (Datastream)
149.06 (+2.18)

THE POUND

(Change on week)

US dollar
1.8900 (+0.0020)

W German mark
3.1620 (+0.0289)

Trade-weighted
78.7 (+0.4)

US NOTEBOOK

Gloom around bonds deepens

From Maxwell Newton
New York

The US fixed-income markets are once again sinking into the sort of gloom that preceded the October 19 stock market crash.

So far, the stock market is not taking any notice. Nor, surprisingly, are the currency markets.

The bond market gloom has not yet reached the levels of early October when the yield on the US 30-year bond rose above 10 per cent. But the trend is there.

Between late August and late September 1987, the long bond yield rose from under 9 per cent to 9.8 per cent.

This time, the yield has risen from 8.3 per cent in early February to above 9 per cent.

Between early August 1987 and early September, the December dollar contract fell from 102 to 97. That slump in the currency set off the bond market fall that culminated in the October crash.

Since mid-February, the June dollar contract has dropped from 92 to 88 — a fall of more than 4 per cent.

Six months after the October crash, the fundamentals of the dollar are even more discouraging than they then were.

M2 growth climbs

The US trade deficit in the three months to February 1988 was almost exactly the same as in the three months to February 1987 — so hope has been tempered.

Meanwhile, money growth in the US has accelerated most disturbingly. Money M2, which was rising by 3.4 per cent a year in the last half of 1987, has risen by nearly 9 per cent a year in the four months to April.

Inflation has hardly accelerated.

But there is mounting recognition that Federal Reserve policy has drifted aimlessly and dangerously this year.

Election year mania is growing. Fears of some sort of pact between the administration and the central bank colour much thinking.

Hopes dashed

Heavy central bank intervention on behalf of the dollar is inhibiting the national adjustment process which would have driven US short-term rates higher as the dollar has crumbled. Since mid-February, the 90-day T-Bill has risen by six basis points while the 30-year US bond yield has risen by 52 basis points.

Central bank support for the currency along with a concerted move into cash is putting the whole of the US monetary adjustment on to the medium and long-term bond market.

Hopes that the rapid rise of US industrial production would moderate, raised by January-February durable goods orders numbers, were dashed on Friday when substantial upward revisions were published.

A surge of investment in plant and equipment is developing following the rise in US capacity utilization. There are still some dreams among Americans that somehow it will be possible to solve the dollar problem without substantial cuts in American spending.

But as a recent Merrill Lynch Capital Markets' study said, the crisis will not be resolved merely by manipulation of the currency.

But no one yet wants to take the debt-financed consumption lollipop away from the American consumer.

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Shearson shops for Storehouse bid candidate

By David Brewerton

Shearson Lehman, the US investment bank, is seeking a candidate to bid for Storehouse, the British Home Stores to Mothercare retailing group which has been the subject of a wave of stock market speculation.

The conjecture has been caused by Shearson offering its "battle plan" for Storehouse to potential bidders, although none has yet moved in on the group.

The plan is known to the Storehouse board, some members of which have seen a copy. It is based on the break-up value of the group — the sum of the parts of which are reckoned to be more than the stock market value of the whole.

Shearson backed the approach from Mountleigh, the property group headed by Mr Tony Clegg, last year. Although talks were held, and an unofficial offer of 434p was put to the Storehouse board, no formal bid was made because Mr Clegg was only prepared to make an agreed offer.

Mountleigh is not thought to be involved in the present Shearson attempts to procure a bidder for Storehouse.

The timing of the current spate of activity is crucial, for it is designed to catch Storehouse at the end of a poor year's trading and without a chief executive until the beginning of June.

City forecasters have been downgrading their estimates sharply in respect of the year which ended in March. Most had been expecting pretax profits of £135 million to £140 million. Current expectations are for a result in the region of £110 million.

Retail specialists in leading broking houses are also gloomy about the 1988-89 financial year, which Sir Terence Conran, the chairman of Storehouse, promised would be the year of a profits breakthrough. Two years ago, the group recorded profits of £129 million.

However, Mr Michael Julien, the new chief executive, who is still officially finance director of Guinness, the drinks group, is already spending time at Storehouse working on his plans, and preparing the ground for the disappointing profit statement scheduled to appear on his second day of office.

It is understood that Mr Julien has already made contact with some of the big shareholders in Storehouse, including Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher.

Institutional shareholders are thought to be willing to give the new chief executive, who has been promised the chairmanship of Storehouse when Sir Terence Conran retires in a few years, a fair run to revive the group's flagging fortunes.

But it is understood that Shearson is working on plans to organize an offer which would need to be nearly twice the current share price, and which the Storehouse board would feel obliged to recommend.

However, the potential buyer would need to be able to exploit the retailing opportunities, because it is understood that the price cannot be justified on property values alone.

Meanwhile, Mr Maxwell, one of the reputed bidders for Storehouse, is understood to be buying in support of the Storehouse management.

Opec chief to attack UK on N Sea output

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Dr Rilwanu Lukman, the president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, is preparing a bitter attack on Britain over its continued refusal to co-operate with the oil producers' cartel and order North Sea oil output cuts to help send the world oil price upwards.

A decision by Norway, conveyed to the Opec headquarters in Vienna over the weekend, that it will continue to extend a 7.5 per cent cut in its planned North Sea output, has led some oil traders to predict that the oil price could rise above the Opec target range of $18 a barrel later this week.

Opec is to meet non-member oil producers in Vienna this week to discuss demand levels for the remainder of the year, and is expected to announce cuts in its own output quotas before the end of the week, after a full ministerial meeting.

Any such cut may have to await ratification at the scheduled half-yearly meeting of Opec on June 8, but even an outline agreement would have an immediate tightening effect on the market.

The North Sea Brent price ended the week at $17.18 a barrel, and some traders are predicting it could go beyond $18 and even towards $20 if there is a satisfactory outcome to the Vienna meeting.

The cartel's annoyance at Britain's persistent refusal to become involved, even informally, in discussions on output levels, has been mounting as Opec members' oil earnings have fallen in value because of the dollar's drop against sterling.

Lukman: anger mounting

Dr Lukman is preparing an opening statement which will be highly critical of Britain's oil policies. The decision by Norway to continue its co-operation will be highlighted in Dr Lukman's attack.

Opec has consistently argued that Britain has gone back on an agreement made five years ago to limit North Sea output to 2.1 million barrels a day.

Since then, output has peaked at 2.7 million barrels a day, while British energy secretaries have equally consistently said that no such agreement was made.

An agreement this week by other non-Opec producers to trim output by about 5 per cent will be crucial to any new output quota system being adopted by the 13 Opec member states. Non-member states such as Mexico, Malaysia and Egypt are likely to attend at ministerial level.

In addition, China has met the Iranian deputy oil minister, and said that it would be prepared to curb oil exports in line with any Opec-agreed cut.

MPs call for better statistics

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The all-party Treasury and Civil Service Committee, in addition to its recommendations on exchange rate policy, will call today for a review of the quality of Britain's official statistics on the economy.

The committee of MPs was concerned by the apparent inability of senior Treasury officials, in evidence to the committee last month, to explain the strength of the economy last year.

Because the official national accounts statistics included large and growing residual and balancing items, many economists believe the figures often convey a false and misleading picture.

This can have an influence on sentiment in the financial markets, as happened with figures for the second half of last year which showed the personal savings ratio at a 30-year low. This was disputed by many economists outside Whitehall.

The committee's report, as described in *The Times* on Saturday, will say the Government recorded a book loss on foreign exchange intervention of £1.3 billion last year. In calling for clarification on exchange rate policy, the committee will reject the idea of prolonged, large-scale currency intervention.

The pound seems certain to be influenced by the March trade figures, to be published on Friday. The market expects the deficit to narrow to £400 million-£500 million from £720 million in February and £844 million in January. A bad set of figures could leave the pound vulnerable after recent base rate cuts, while a sharp narrowing of the deficit would push sterling higher.

The Confederation of British Industry's April industrial trends survey, to be published tomorrow, is keenly awaited after indications of a slowdown in output. The survey will show whether the rise in the pound has hit business confidence.

Warning to Barclays over rights

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The management of Barclays Bank faces a crucial test of its standing in the City this week when it faces angry shareholders at an extraordinary meeting on Wednesday to vote on its controversial £921 million rights issue.

There is highly unlikely to be a shareholders' revolt against the rights issue, although it remains unpopular despite Barclays' attempts to win over opponents during the last three weeks. Opposition has been forcibly expressed behind closed doors and no more than a few institutions are expected to oppose the issue publicly on Wednesday.

Many institutions feel that to vote down the rights issue would be interpreted as a sweeping condemnation of the bank's management and they are not willing to go that far. According to one institution after talking to Barclays about its plans: "They have explained what they intend to do with the money and we will have to let them get on with it. But we will be watching very carefully to see what kind of return they make on the new capital."

Another institution said: "We will support the management this time, but they will not be able to come back to the market again for a long time to come."

The annoyance of the institutions stems mainly from the size of the issue which they regard as excessive for Barclays' requirements. They are unhappy with the bank's stated intention of using the money to go for rapid growth in assets, when they feel that Barclays did not make adequate use of a £500 million rights issue in 1985.

There is also disquiet at the way news of the issue leaked out prematurely even though there are no underwriters for the issue and Barclays was virtually the only institution to know about it. Because of this, the Stock Exchange is conducting an inquiry into dealings in Barclays' shares the day before the issue was announced.

The reaction of small shareholders at Wednesday's meeting is less predictable but could be extremely hostile. Because of the size of the issue, many small shareholders may not be able to afford to participate. By selling their rights, however, they become liable for a heavy capital gains tax charge. Barclays' officials believe that the number of small shareholders in this position is only a few hundred, but there is no certainty how many will turn up at the meeting.

The problem for small shareholders taking up their rights is compounded by the institutions' opposition to large dividend payments. Small shareholders will be looking for swift return on their extra investment but this is unlikely to happen.

Many big shareholders believe Barclays should pay more modest dividends and use the money to build up its capital. In addition, it will take the bank time to put such large amounts of new capital to use and the initial effect will be to depress the bank's earnings per share. On a pro forma basis, the eps would be diluted from 90p this year to 72p.

Framlington fight enters crucial week

'Shareholders' interests come first' : Bill Stuttaford outside his farmhouse at Great Wigborough, Essex, yesterday

Doubt over Stuttaford's future

By John Bell, City Editor

Mr Bill Stuttaford, the chairman of the Framlington investment management group and one of the key figures responsible for the group's outstanding record, said yesterday that he had given no assurances that he would stay with the group if the hostile £70 million takeover bid by Throgmorton Trust is successful.

The departure of Mr Stuttaford and a number of other senior fund managers who oppose the bid would be seen in the City as a severe blow to the fortunes of the group, which has attracted a good deal of support on the strength of its investment successes.

"I have not yet told anyone what I intend to do," he said. "I would probably get a writ if I said anything that might be seen to damage the group.

"My duty under the Take-over Code is to consider the interests of shareholders first. I have to consider the bid which is on the table from Throgmorton, and the fact that Throgmorton has a 'poison pill', in that it can take away the funds that Framlington group manages if another bidder emerges. My own position is not something that has to be taken into account in this."

Mr Stuttaford admitted, however, that there were strong feelings against the bid from Throgmorton Trust among senior executives of the Framlington group. "You cannot use force to impose your will in a people business like ours," he said.

The bizarre bid enters its crucial phase this week. Throgmorton will hold a meeting of shareholders — expected to be a formality — to approve the transaction tomorrow. Thursday sees the first closing date on the offer.

The bidder, Throgmorton Trust, is managed by a subsidiary of Framlington, some of whose exectives sit on the Framlington board. The key to the outcome of the bid lies in the decisions to be made by Credit Commercial de France, which holds a 28 per cent stake in Framlington.

CCF has not yet invoked a pre-emption agreement which requires Framlington to act as its agent in any sale of its stake in the beleaguered group. Suggestions at the weekend that CCF is about to throw its weight behind the Throgmorton camp are premature, for the pre-emption agreement gives Framlington 30 days in which to find a satisfactory buyer.

When the French group does finally invoke its agreement, there will have to be a meeting of the Framlington board which could give rise to a dispute over who may vote.

Framlington may write again to shareholders before Thursday. "We have not yet decided," said Mr Stuttaford. It is, however, unlikely that the letter would contain news of the white knight which Mr Stuttaford and his supporters hoped to find a month ago.

Trafalgar considers action over losses

By Alison Eadie

Trafalgar House, the shipping, construction and property group, is expected to decide this week whether to sue British Shipbuilders over losses it sustained following the purchase of the Scott Lithgow shipyard in March 1984.

The threat of a substantial claim against BS was first made two years ago because of alleged misrepresentation over the state of an oil rig contract for Britoil, which Trafalgar House inherited.

In Trafalgar's latest annual report, the directors said they anticipated issuing a writ and statement of claim in the first half of this year.

Trafalgar House bought the lower Clyde shipyard for £12 million, when its only order was for Ocean Alliance, the much delayed oil rig. Completing the rig has cost Trafalgar House £111.2 million in write-offs against reserves, because the cost of the project soared beyond estimates. A claim, if lodged, is expected to be of at least this order.

The lack of further orders for the Scott Lithgow yard, apart from maintenance work on ships from Trafalgar's own Cunard line, forced the company into putting the yard on a care and maintenance basis in February.

Trafalgar's 1987 accounts showed a £31.2 million extraordinary charge relating largely to running down the yard. The number of employees at Scott Lithgow is now fewer than 200, against 3,000 at its purchase.

British Shipbuilders has already paid Trafalgar House £45 million because the net assets of Scott Lithgow were far less than the £12 million stated in the acquisition agreement.

Trafalgar House has been hoping to come to some accomodation with BS and its owner, the Government, over the issue of compensation.

Unless a formula can be worked out soon, the company believes it has no option but to start legal action in order to protect its shareholders' interests.

Ratners pays $60m for US chain

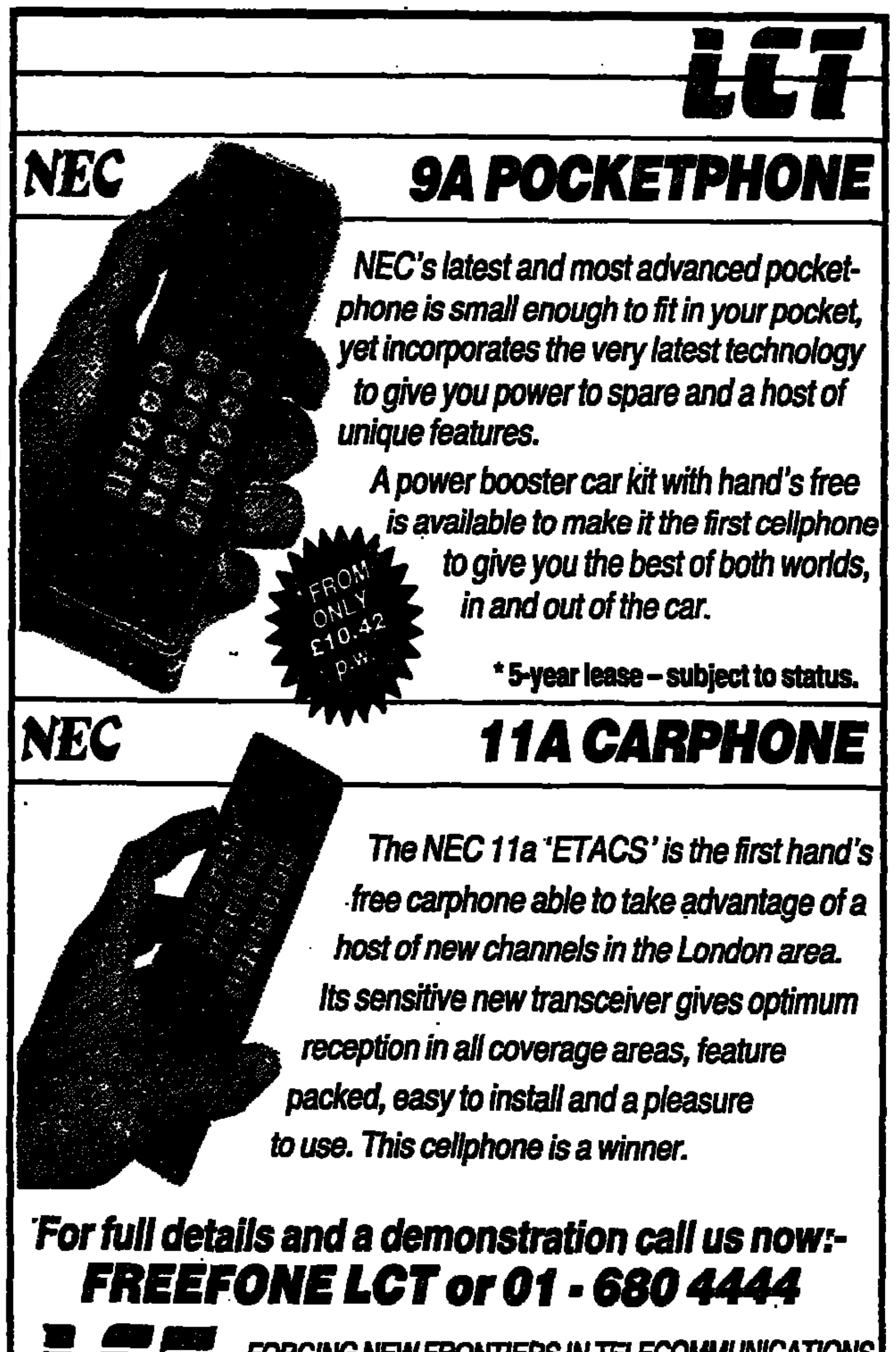
By Our City Staff

Ratners, Britain's biggest jewellery retail chain, is on the brink of making the first of two expected American acquisitions to add to the Sterling and Westhall purchases it made last year. It is expected to announce the $60 million (£32 million) acquisition of Ulsterman, a private jewellery chain of more than 50 outlets.

Ratners will tomorrow publish its 1987-88 results, which are expected to show pretax profits of £47.5 million to £50 million compared with £22.5 million last time.

The low rating of Ratners shares makes a straight share issueto fund the acquisition extremeley unlikely. Convertible stock or bank borrowings look more probable.

Ratners shares closed on Friday at 260p against a pre-crash high of 420p.



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Japan to step up Third World aid

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Noboru Takeshita, is expected to announce an increase in his country's contribution to Third World aid, on his visit to Britain next month.

Mr Takeshita is expected to use a lunch in the City on May 4 to outline a diplomatic package including an increase in development aid, an opening of Japan to more foreign students and additional Japanese personnel on UN peacekeeping forces, Japanese Foreign Ministry sources said.

Meanwhile, Japan is in dispute with the United States over voting shares in the Asian Development Bank ahead of the ADB's annual meeting in Manila on Thursday.

Japanese officials have pressed for an increase in voting powers in line with Japan's greater financial contribution to the ADB. At present the US and Japan each have 12 per cent of the votes on the running of the ADB.

Tokyo's contribution has been three times those of the US. However, US officials say that, by having large trade deficits for years, the US has acted as a source of growth in the Asian-Pacific region.

The dispute is similar to that over the World Bank. Japan has argued that its greater financial contribution should give it a greater say in running the bank.

Steel market 'is growing'

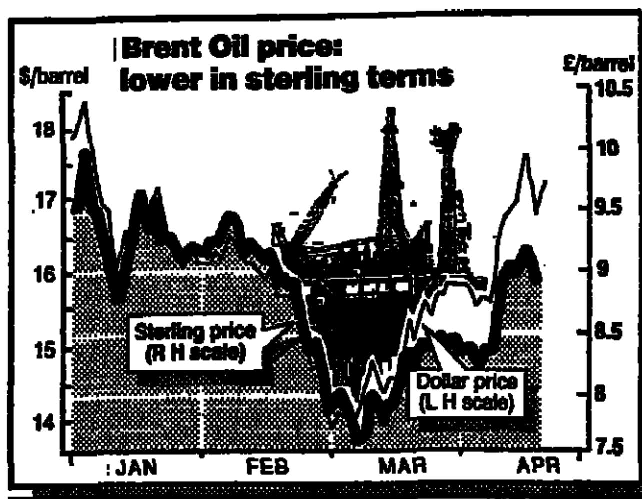
The European steel industry's market is now growing, according to the International Iron and Steel Institute. Mr Jan Hooglandt, its deputy chairman, said it has adopted processes resulting in improved products and a wider range of applications.

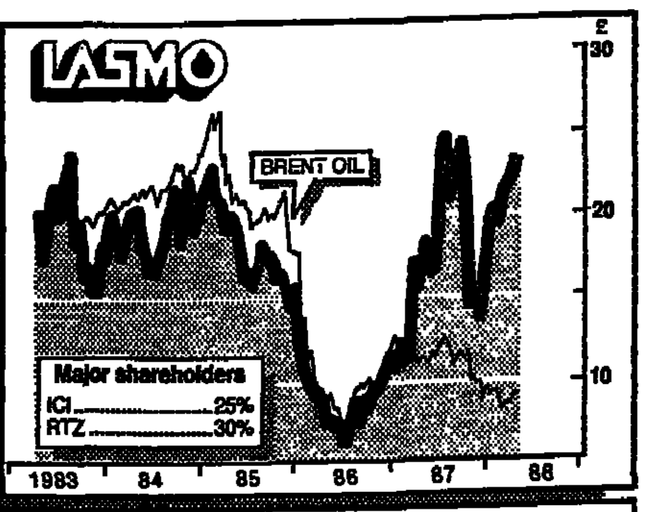
The latest IISI figures show that Britain produced 7.3 per cent more steel last month, West Germany 8.5 per cent, Japan 9.8 per cent and the United States 18.8 per cent.

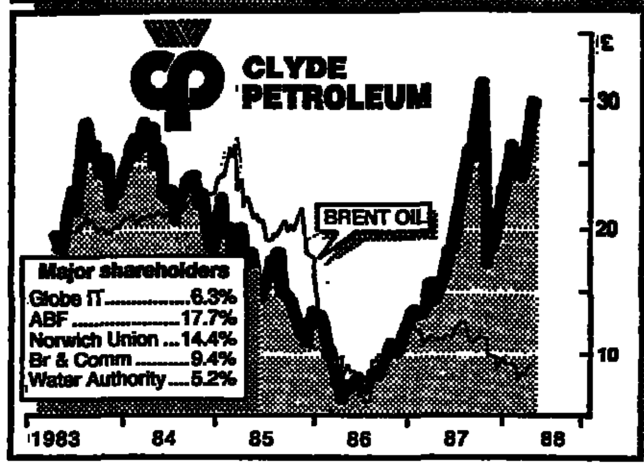
ANALYSIS

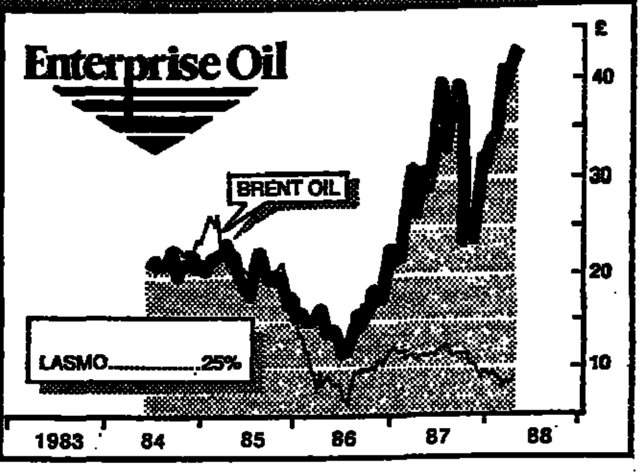
Fear makes oil investments seize up

Oil shares broadly used to track the sterling oil price. However, the two parted company last year, since when oil shares have defied the laws of gravity, October's crash notwithstanding. Investors are paralysed by fear. They cannot sell their oil shares for fear the companies ar. bid for. Yet no one is buying as the shares are too expensive based on the oil price outlook. There is no shortage of oil, and none is likely for many years. Indeed, the short-term outlook is for further oil price weakness until the middle of this year, followed by stability in the $16 to $18 a barrel range.









Obscured by military action in the Gulf and see-sawing sentiment in the market, there is a strong chance that there could be an equilibrium of sorts in the oil market in the second half of 1988. It stems from last October's meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, in which its members effectively abandoned all attempts to dictate the oil price and concentrated on volumes instead.

Until then, adherence to an $18-a-barrel official selling price had the effect of making $18 oil the marginal source of supply. But in practice, most of the officially priced oil was being supplied by a single country, Saudi Arabia. Some was also available from Indonesia, Abu Dhabi and Kuwait. But, one way or another, most of the rest of Opec was selling at market-related prices in order to sell their full production quotas. Some, such as Kuwait, were selling refined products from their new Middle Eastern refineries (product prices are market related). Others, such as Nigeria, were giving discounts.

Consequently, whether it liked it or not, Saudi Arabia became the swing producer. Buyers would take its $18 dollar oil only when they had exhausted other cheaper sources. In times of seasonally buoyant demand, the rest of Opec had every incentive to cheat, increasing volumes and denying Saudi Arabia the full benefit of the upswing. When demand was weak, the Saudis saw their volumes slip.

Since abandoning official prices at the beginning of this year in favour of negotiated market-related prices, the Saudis have seen their volumes rise. The $18 marker is now little more than a reference or target price.

Without a swing producer, oil supply has become inflexible, and prices must move to ensure that demand meets supply. During the first quarter, the market price moved down in response to surpluses in the system. From close to $18 dollars in January, it fell to $14 at the beginning of March.

This weakness in demand is attributable both to the mild winter in the northern hemisphere, and the market's adjustment to the Saudis' abandonment of official prices. Little improvement is expected in the seasonally weak second quarter. But a combination of lower prices and stockbuilding ahead of next winter could result in a call on Opec in the second half of between 18 million barrels a day and 18.5 million b/d, despite modestly rising non-Opec production.

Compared with the trouble it had in coping with first-quarter demand for its crude of 17.3 million b/d, Opec should have little difficulty in a market which is seeking these substantially higher volumes. Provided its members observe their quotas, prices could be expected to settle closer to the target $18 a barrel than the $14 low point seen in February. That, at any rate, is the theory.

As with most economic theories, the real world tends to intrude in an uncompromising fashion, and oil price theory suffers more than most from the harsh realities of the world outside. Military action in the Gulf and the imminence of Opec's next meeting tend to have at least as much impact on the oil price as genuine economic fundamentals.

It was the latest bomb attacks, combined with evidence of growing antipathy between Iran and its Gulf neighbours. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, which precipitated last month's jump in the oil price. In the last week, however, having just failed to touch $18, the price has been somewhat directionless at about $17.50 a barrel.

The next move, up or down, will, in the absence of another outbreak of hostilities, depend on the meeting scheduled with the non-Opec producers this week. This desire of non-Opec producers to co-operate with Opec is a direct result of lack of a swing producer.

As, to all intents and purposes, all oil is now moving at market-related prices, the burden of any shortfall in demand is now shared more equally among all producers, Opec and non-Opec alike. Thus, for example, both Venezuela (Opec) and Mexico (non-Opec) have been dismayed to find increasing volumes of Saudi crude penetrating the US market, displacing their own output.

It is this sort of market reality that has spurred Mexico and other non-Opec producers to seek an accommodation with Opec at this week's meeting. Until now, all producers have benefited from the system whereby Saudi Arabia was the swing producer. Now that Saudi Arabia has regained its market share, everybody has to make the effort to support the price by cutting their production.

Some analysts are sceptical that the producers will be able to agree anything. The deepening divisions within Opec itself will be sufficient to ensure that its members will be unable to agree among themselves, never mind reach broader agreement with non-member nations. In this case, disappointed expectations could cause the oil price to dip.

Others are looking for an agreed production cut, possibly to be implemented after the June Opec meeting. Yet by then, demand on Opec is likely to have risen to around its target level of 18 million b/d to 18.5 million b/d. Consequently, production cuts based on a seasonally weak second-quarter demand will initiate the by now familiar sequence of a spiralling oil price, followed in quick succession by overproduction, and a subsequent price collapse.

However, it is worth remembering that Saudi Arabia has repeated many times that it does not wish to see oil prices above $18 a barrel. It is well within the Saudis' power in a tight market to produce enough oil to ensure prices do not over-react. Mr Roger Aylard, of Chase Securities, says: "It only needs one producer to keep the oil price down, it needs them all to keep it up."

Either way, with or without an agreement, it looks as if oil prices will be seasonally weak in the second quarter, but rising demand ahead of next winter should keep prices in the $16 to $18 a barrel range for most of the second half of this year, assuming reasonable production discipline from Opec.

The message for investors is far from straightforward. If they are lucky, they will receive a bid for their shares. The oil companies are in the business for the long term and the Tricentrol and Britoil takeovers have shown that they will pay up for big assets. Yet the sector is already bloated with huge bid premiums, despite many of the independents being too small to make much impact on the strategic objectives of a predator.

Some of the smaller companies might merge with each other. Clyde, with its 21.7 per cent share in Goal, is believed still to be interested in consolidating its position, but it would need the help of the Norwich Union which has 29.5 per cent of Goal. However, the enlarged company may itself be big enough to interest a larger predator.

Lasmo and Enterprise are also of a size that might interest a buyer, but cross-holdings mean that anyone bidding for Lasmo would need to be prepared for half the purchase price to be tied up in a 25 per cent stake in Enterprise. The Government's golden share runs out at the end of this year, so Lasmo's hypothetical new owner could bid for Enterprise too, or sell the stake on. However, Enterprise has not neglected its shareholders, and their loyalty, could defeat a bid attempt.

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Building leaders lift output estimate but fear fall ahead

By Alexandra Jackson

The National Council of *Building Materials Producers* has shrugged off the gloom surrounding its forecasts of construction industry output in the aftermath of Black Monday, and has published significantly higher output estimates for 1988 and 1989. It is, however, expecting a downturn in 1990.

As a result, the panel's forecast of a 5 per cent increase for total construction output in 1988, made last November, has been raised to 8 per cent.

The growth for 1989 has been estimated upwards, moved up from 0.5 per cent to 1.5 per cent.

For the first time, the panel has included a forecast for 1990. By that time it anticipates a slowdown in activity, and expects output to drop by 1.5 per cent.

A change in the country's overall economic activity is part of the reason behind this downturn, but the construction industry is also expected to be affected by the possible introduction of Value Added Tax on new building work.

According to the panel, the mild British weather of the first few weeks of 1988 has helped the industry to make a good start, but the momentum *which gathered pace in the* closing months of last year has, thepanel says, carried through into this year.

Industry buoyancy, previously the preserve of the the South-east of England, is expected to extend into the rest of Britain.

The panel measures output *in terms of 1980 constant* prices. Growth in total output in 1987 was 8.4 per cent, *taking it to £24.6 billion. This* is higher than the November forecast of 7 per cent, and more than double the March 1987 forecast for that year of 4 per cent.

Particular strengths in 1988 are private housebuilding and industrial and commercial building. These were all strong markets in 1987, when output *was up 11.4 per cent for* private housing and 15.5 per cent and 19.1 per cent for industrial and commercial building respectively.

The panel is expecting growth in private housing to increase by 9.5 per cent in 1988, and industrial and commercial building to grow by 18 per cent each.

The growth in commercial work alone is forecast to continue into 1989, when it is expected to advance by 10 per cent. By then, however, industrial work and private housebuilding are forecast to drop by 5 per cent and 7.5 per cent respectively.

Industrial work includes at least £250 million of work arrising each year from the Channel Tunnel fixed link.

Another strong trend is expected in private repair and maintenance work, which rose by 11.2 per cent in 1987. Growth here is expected to continue through to 1990.

Pay deals 'outstrip' rise in prices

By Roland Rudd

The gap between pay and price rises has widened significantly over the past year, according to a study of national pay trends by Industrial Relations Services, a research group.

The study, published today in the *Pay and Benefits Bulletin*, shows that from February last year median pay settlement levels averaged 5 *per cent, 1.1 percentage points* above the retail price index.

In February 1988, settlement levels averaged 5.5 per cent, while prices were rising by 3.3 per cent and the differential had doubled to 2.2 percentage points. Although *the change appears to have* more to do with the downward shift in the RPI over the past few months than a growth of the level in basic settlements, IRS predicts that a widening gap "is bound to be of concern to Government."

The main points are:

- A tightening in the pay range during the last quarter as the highest increases fell from 7 per cent in January to *6.5 per cent in March*, excluding the top and bottom 10 per cent of settlements. A pay "floor," below which the bottom 10 per cent falls, appears to be established at about 4 per cent above the inflation rate;
- Finance is one area where *basic pay rises this year are* higher than last and generally above the average for the whole economy. In the three months ending March 1988, two out of every three finance settlements were above the median increase for all groups *in the respective months*; and
- The gap between pay and price movements appears to be widening.

When these figures are taken in conjunction with the underlying growth in average earnings (8½ per cent for the whole economy at present) it is clear that most of those in *work are experiencing rising* living standards.

IRS believes the figures show that the widely predicted "pay explosion," with its *consequences of an increase in* inflationary pressures, has failed to materialize.

But it does believe the increasing gap between basic *pay levels and the RPI will* cause the Government immediate concern. Most of these settlements are concluded on an annual basis and "cost of living awards."

Pay and Benefits Bulletin, published twice monthly by Industrial Relations Services, 18-20 Highbury Place, London, N5 1QP; by subscription.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Public spending survey starts with clean sheet

First estimates of the result for public sector borrowing in the financial year just past underline how securely the Government's fiscal policy is under control. The achievement is all the more striking when compared with monetary policy, where bank lending continues to grow at a rapid rate, the preferred measure of money supply is above its target range and interest rate and exchange rate policy, for the time being, are pulling in opposite directions.

Last year's net repayment of debt by the public sector turned out to be slightly bigger than expected at £3.6 billion. While revenue has remained buoyant, supply spending, which covers voted expenditure by central government, finished the year well below target after a smaller catch-up than expected in the final month of the year. The result for the planning total as a whole should, therefore, fall short of the original intention at least by the Budget forecast of £2.6 billion. It turns out that more than *half the extra spending added to totals* in the Chancellor's shock announcement of autumn 1986 has not been needed after all.

The new public expenditure survey, whose preliminary stages have just begun, looks less likely to end in further increases *in the planning total than either* of the last two. No spending round is easy, but at least there are no bids for additional spending already agreed. Before the election last year, the Government had conceded extra money for social security to offset the effect of *changes in housing benefit*, additional launch aid for the European Airbus and a number of other politically attractive increases which, in the event, made it impossible to stick to the previous totals. This time the only sizeable call is the knock-on effect from this year's increase *in nurses' pay* – and that will have to be contained within an overall increase for the health service which will not be settled until the final stages of the survey.

Meanwhile the changes in economic circumstances, which in *the past have so often compelled* an increase in demand-determined spending programmes such as social security, will, if anything, work in the direction of lower spending. Inflation is running at the same level as assumed in the existing plans and unemployment has fallen considerably faster. *The social* security reforms may affect take-up of benefits in ways as yet unknown, but the economic background is more favourable than for some time.

As ever, there will be no shortage of sizeable bids for additional spending. Local authority budgets for the present year are much in line with expectations, but despite the "new realism" among some left-wing authorities, faced with the fact of another Thatcher Parliament, there is bound to be pressure for additional provision for *1989-90* and beyond.

Health will have strong political claims on extra funds on top of the money needed to continue funding this year's exceptional pay award. Education will want extra money for science, the *universities and Kenneth Baker's various* initiatives in schools. Defence has carried over large sums this year which may reduce the credibility of claims for further increases. And the Government may be *able to continue to rely on receipts from* council house sales to fund a large part of local authority spending on housing. But the inexorable rise in the prison population may lead to a demand for yet more *resources for the prison building* programme. And the cost of agricultural intervention is as usual in the lap of the gods: the Treasury will again be praying for a wet summer and a poor harvest.

All these potential calls on the public purse will have to be provided for either by offsetting cuts or out of the existing reserve which has already been incorporated in the *1989-90* plans. That reserve, however, at £7 billion, is *larger than in previous surveys. If, when* programme plans are firmed up in the autumn, it is reduced to the same level as in the present year, there will be a balance of £3.5 billion to allocate to additional spending – *£1.5 billion more than this* time last year with less scope for manoeuvre already mortgaged.

A recent analysis by Dr Danny Beeton, *research* fellow of the Public Finance Foundation, suggests that of the various targets used by countries of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, targeting public spending as a proportion of national income is the most effective way of curbing both spending and the budget deficit. One cannot come to any firm conclusions from so small a sample when there are so many other influences at work, but it does seem that after earlier attempts to *keep public spending level in real terms*, the aim of gradually bringing down the spending/GDP ratio has proved the most workable policy. The Government should succeed in that objective again in the new survey.

Regretably, there is no such clear guideline for monetary policy.

The Chancellor told the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund this month: "Clearly, if a conflict between objectives for inflation and exchange rates emerges, priority must be given to inflation." This argues in favour of a prompt reversal of the trend towards lower interest rates should sterling start to fall.

Rodney Lord

Economics Editor

Textiles' year of expansion

By David Young

The British textile and clothing *industry, whose export* earnings exceed both those of the computer and aerospace industries, has increased output, investment and exports during the past year.

The British Textile Confederation, in its annual review published today, says sales topped £8.9 billion.

Exports were up 8 per cent – to £3.3 billion – investment was up 15 per cent to £387 million and overall productivity up by 8 per cent.

The outlook for the coming year is for continued growth and Mr Barry Spencer, the president of the confederation, said: "The past 12 months have been a period of progress and consolidation.

"This has created a mood of quiet optimism, which has turned attention to problems of recruitment and training and the need to attract adequate and highly qualified people into the industry."

However, Mr Spencer pointed out that the effects of the rise in sterling against the dollar had seriously damaged competitiveness in the US for British textiles.

The confederation has also voiced concern about unfair *competition from China and* Turkey.

"Growth of China's sales to the EEC must continue to be subject to control, rather than be allowed to surge ahead at a rate which would inevitably cause serious disruption in the Community."

Lancer Boss aims high

Ready for lift-off: Sir Neville Bowman-Shaw of Lancer Boss (Photograph: Mark Aspland)

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

There are about 240 companies in the world which make fork-lift trucks, from *tiny vehicles for use in* warehouses to vast 50-tonners capable of swinging around fully laden containers.

But there is much excess *production capacity in the industry* despite mergers and takeovers. This is the arena where Lancer Boss, based at Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, *believes it is ahead* with some products.

Sir Neville Bowman-Shaw, aged 57, is the chairman, chief executive and principal shareholder of the group, which he founded in 1957.

The company considers it is number four in Europe and 15th in the world, the five largest makers being Bulgaria's Balkancar in top slot, followed *by Hyster and Clark in the US*, West Germany's Linde and Britain's Lansing Bagnall.

But Sir Neville said: "We need to be in the world's top 10. That could mean amalgamation, acquisitions or reversing into a public company."

Lancer Boss has more than doubled its turnover in five years to £88 million in the year to March 1987. Net assets now stand at £29 million. It has virtually no gearing, share*holders take no dividends and* investment is written off in the year it is incurred.

It spends about 8 per cent of turnover on product development and expects to introduce 15 new products and four new ranges this year. One is a lift *truck built for moving goods* between quayside and roll-on, roll-off ships, with a hydrostatic self-braking transmission system.

Another product claimed to be at the forefront of technology is a rough-terrain container-lifting truck.

IEA criticizes finance act

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Financial Services Act, which comes into force on *Friday, will make it more* difficult for new businesses to enter the financial markets, while discriminating against small businesses, the Institute of Economic Affairs says.

Dr Cento Veljanovski, the IEA's research and editorial director, says in a paper published today that the Act *has made very little allowance* in its regulatory requirements for the size of businesses, which give the financial conglomerates a considerable *advantage over smaller firms.*

"It is inconsistent with the *basic thrust of goverment* policies, where light, cost-conscious regulation is encouraged," Dr Veljanovski says, adding that proper costing of financial market regulations should be carried out before implementation.

"What assurance do we have that the present cumbersome approach does in fact provide investors with adequate *protection?*" he asks. "The evidence from the US tends to show that regulation does not achieve its desired end of protecting consumers.

Elsewhere in the IEA paper, Financial Regulation – or Over-Regulation?, Professor Charles Goodhart of the London School of Economics says that the incentive *for* regulators is always to over-regulate.

UK tractor sales rise 22%

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A *remarkable rise of* 22 per cent in British tractor registrations in the first three months of this year has given an unexpected lift to an industry which until now has felt threatened by the continuing decline in farm incomes.

The most surprising aspect is that the sales boom has been fuelled mainly by small livestock farmers in the West and North, while the supposedly prosperous "grain barons" in the eastern counties of England have sharply reduced their purchases.

The biggest increase was in Wales, where purchases were up by 93 per cent on the same period last year. In Northern Ireland they rose by 57 per cent and in the North of England by nearly 50 per cent.

Mr Douglas Walker, the managing director of John Deere, attributes the rise partly to increased optimism, particularly in the dairy sector where farmers have largely come to terms with the imposition of EEC production quotas.

Beef producers, despite difficulties arising from the present high prices for calves, are also seeing better times ahead as supply comes closer to demand, intervention stocks start to fall and suckler herds are re-established.

By contrast, tractor sales in the predominantly arable eastern counties were down by 17 per cent.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Singing in the reign

The Queen will no doubt be pleased to hear that her younger City subjects are just *as loyal as the old-stagers*. When the Stock Exchange failed to play the national anthem across the trading floor on her birthday last week, for the first time in living memory, one middle-aged gent quipped that the young traded-options dealers now on the floor "probably wouldn't have stood to attention anyway". One 23-year-old options man now tells me that the anthem was not played because the consol-bar – the *admin desk on the edge of the floor* – had lost the tape. "We were the ones who reminded the old-timers that it hadn't been played," he said. "And by about 11.45am, when it was obvious that it wasn't going to be, we all sang Happy Birthday to her instead. Next year the tradition will be reinstated – even if we have to bring a tape in ourselves."

Perpetual motion at work

There is an energy in the 70-year-old *chairman of the* London-quoted mining group Greenwich Resources which would shame many a younger man. Last November Stanley Eskell was seen north of Khartoum, with the British ambassador as witness, brandishing a ceremonial sword when he officially re-opened the historic gold mine of Gebeit in the Sudan. Today he is in London for Anzac Day, which commemorates the landing, in 1915, of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps on *Gallipoli*, and will be laying a wreath at The Cenotaph, in Whitehall, before attending a service at Westminster Abbey. Tomorrow he could be in Australia, Egypt or Venezuela, clambering over any one of the group's various mining properties examining gold or diamond deposits. But then Stanley Eskell is no ordinary chairman. His full titles are Maj-Gen – following distinguished service in the Australian army, for which he was twice mentioned in *dispatches* – and The Hon, a title granted him by the Queen in 1968 in recognition of political services in Australia, where he was once a member of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.

Healthy loss

If the Association of British Insurers was hoping to make a fortune out of the Data Protection Act, its hopes have been sadly dashed. For a tenner a time the ABI will tell you whether you are on the computerized register – or blacklist – of insurance rejects. There had been fears that it would be inundated with queries but, I can now reveal, the total number of calls so far received amounts to a nice round figure: nil. "There is probably some deep and philosophical explanation," says Clive Longhurst of *the ABI*. "But quite what, I'm not sure."

"The winner goes private"

Loadsamoney

It is not just in the City that salaries have been falling to more sensible levels. Chrysler chairman Lee Iacocca, who became something of an American hero after turning around the fortunes of the once-ailing car firm, and is *now billed as the highest-paid* executive in America, saw his total remuneration fall by almost $3 million (£1.57 million) in 1987. But Iacocca, has not exactly been forced on to the bread line. He still received a very cool $17.9 *million* – $13,459,450 from stock options, $769,890 in salary, $725,000 in cash bonuses, *$248,990* in delayed 1986 stock bonuses and $2,695,000 from a 112,500-share bonus for fulfilling his job contract. Asked for his *reaction to the news*, Marc Stepp, the vice-president of the United Autoworkers union, described Iacocca's compensation as "an in*credible rip-off*".

No *FC*, no comic

Financial Crimes, a parody of the ever-serious *Financial Times*, but printed, instead, on bright yellow paper, is certain to test the sense of humour of a number of high-ranking City slickers. Put on sale last week – at £4 a copy – by the Bond Club of London, *in an annual* attempt to out-do the spoof *Bawl Street Journal* published by the Bond Club of New York, the *Crimes's* articles have been described as "poison pen," encouraged, no doubt, by a transatlantic agreement that, for once, none *of the interested parties* will sue. Nevertheless, the agreement did not stop John Sanders, chairman of Orion Royal Bank, from resigning from the club in a fit of pique after last year's edition. Likely contenders to take the same route this year are the Hon Perry Moncrieffe, of that ilk, who moved from Shearson Lehman to EF Hutton, only to find his old firm rescuing Hutton. He is portrayed in *Crimes* as sitting in a Spandau prison office. And imagine the *reaction* of David Horne, of Lloyds Merchant Bank, after reading an advertisement purporting to come from undertakers acting on his behalf: "225 spare bodies for sale – tired and distressed but in acceptable physical condition. Going very cheap."

- **Mohamed Al-Fayed cautioned observers to be careful last week, when he went to see *the £3 million body scanner he* has presented to Great Ormond Street children's hospital: The unit's magnetic field is so powerful it apparently wipes *out* all credit cards.**

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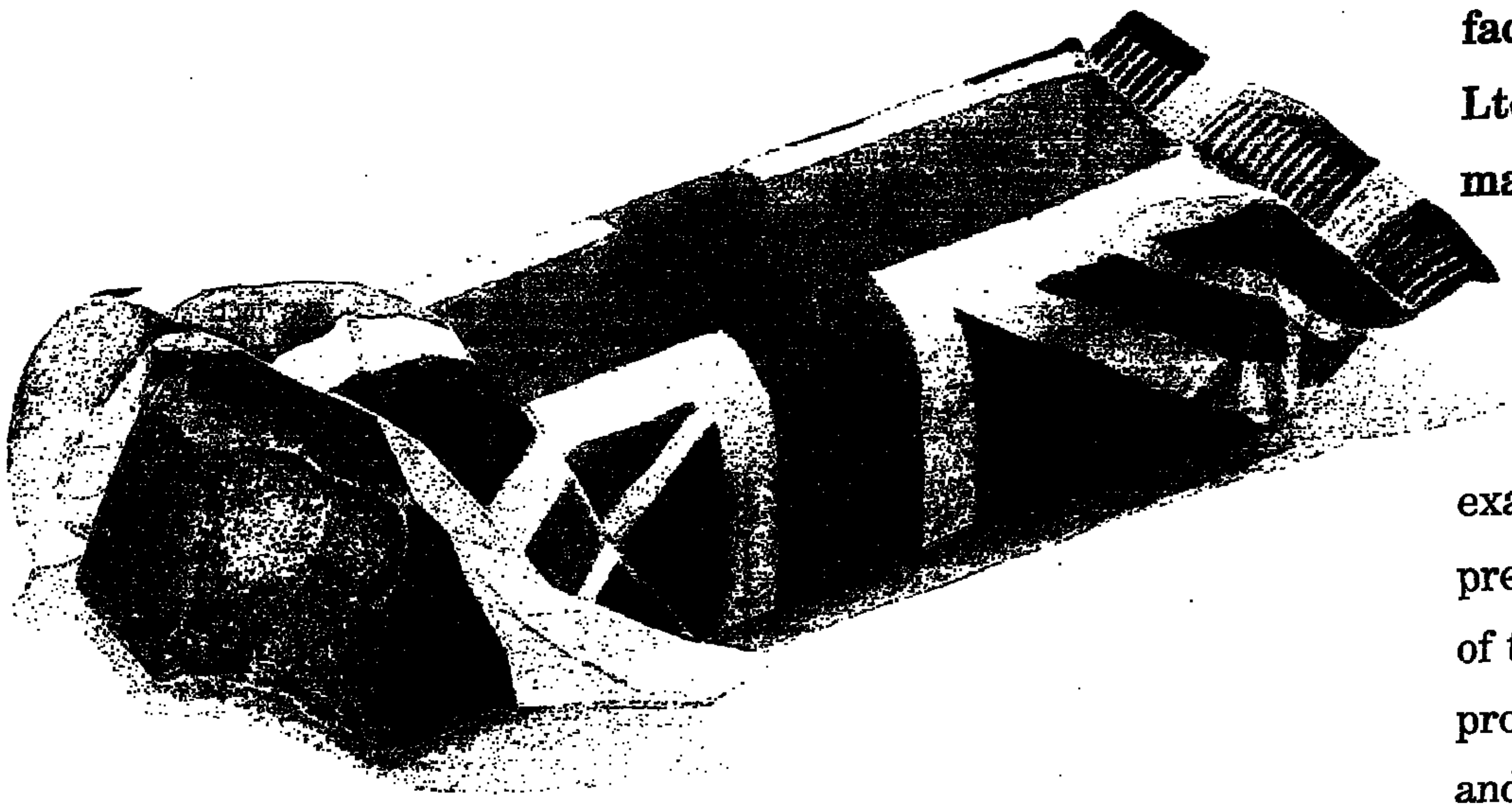

More specifically, "here" was the factory floor. From 1981 to 1983 Cadbury Ltd. spent £97 million making the manufacturing capabilities of the confectionery division among the most modern in the world.

Let us quote just one small but typical example. Crunchie bars are now cut by a high pressure jet of coconut oil. This saves 50% of the honeycomb wasted by the old cutting process. It's one of the many modernisations and rationalisations that gave us a significant increase in productivity per employee. And that provided money – money that was used to boost our marketing effort.

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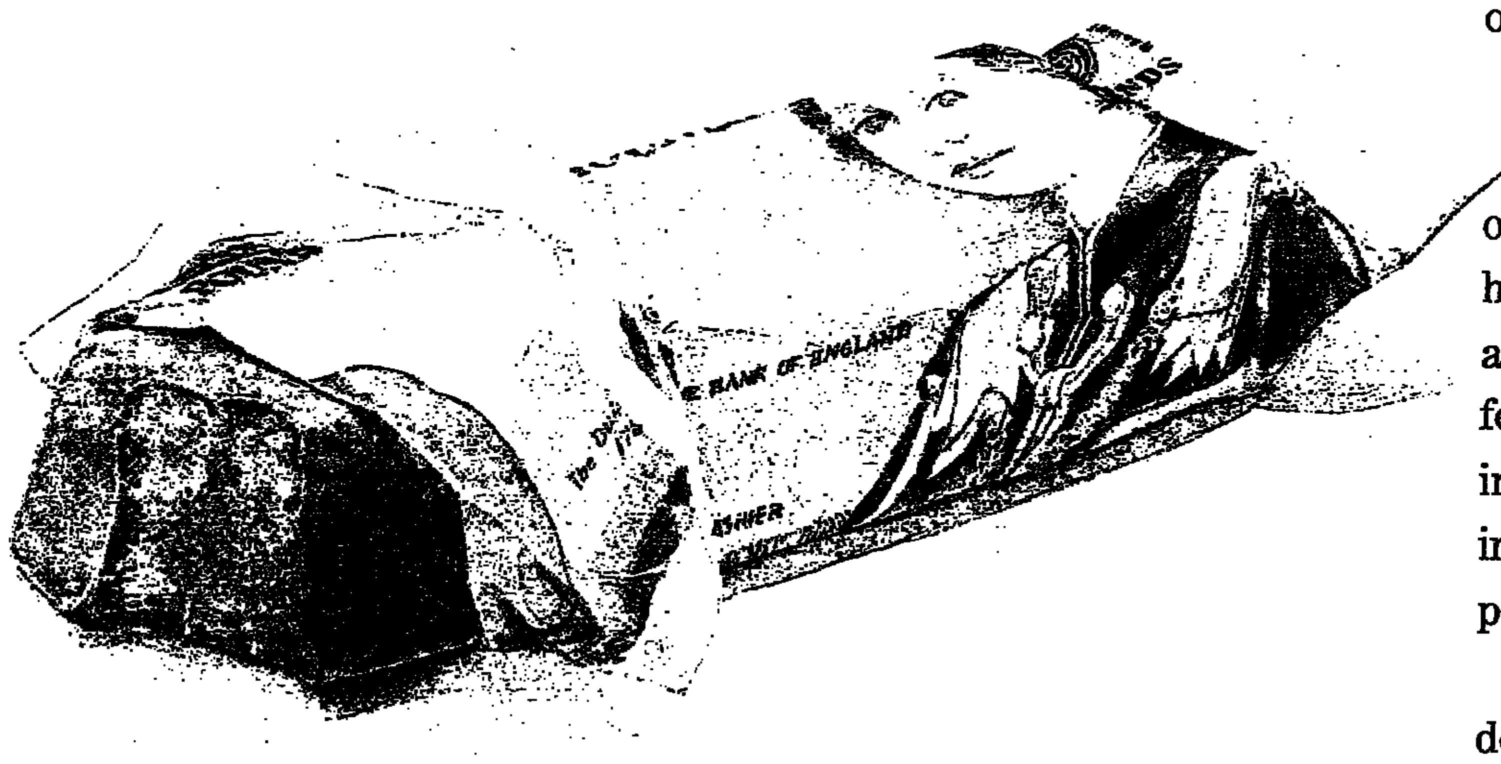

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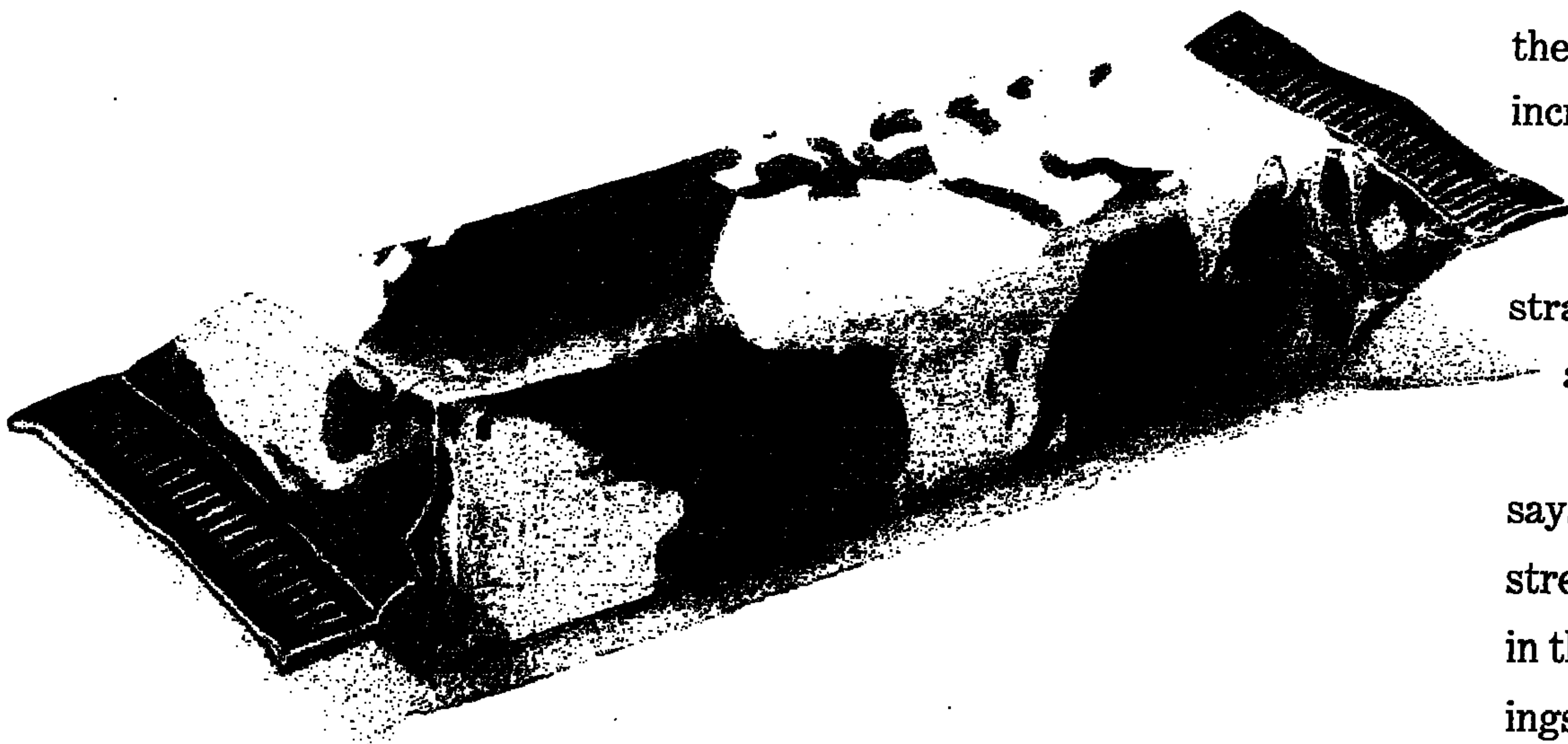

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USM REVIEW

Kitty Little banking on sweet smell for success

By Michael Clark

The sweet smell of success could mean rich pickings for the Kitty Little Group, which is due to make its formal début on the Unlisted Securities Market next week.

Kitty Little designs, manufactures and markets the practical, decorative room fresheners and fragrant gifts which have become familiar sights in most of the high street department stores and supermarket chains.

Laurence Prust, the broker, is bringing the Stoke group to the USM via a placing of 2 million new shares, or 20 per cent of the enlarged share capital.

The shares are expected to be placed around the 85p to 95p level, giving the group a stock market price tag of about £8 million.

Around £1.5 million is expected to be raised from the placing, which Mr Graham Webster, the chairman and managing director, is looking to spend on improving the group's working capital and future acquisitions.

Mr Webster says Kitty Little is a real person. She founded the skin care products business in the 70s, but moved on when Mr Webster gained control in 1980.

The move to exploit the area of fragrant gift products was in the right direction.

Room fresheners and fragrance gift products are a growing market and Kitty Little is the leader. It supplies all the big department store chains and food retailers, and last year exported at least 17 per cent of its sales to more than 20 countries.

Its biggest customer is Boots, which accounts for 41 per cent of sales.

Kitty Little has a product range of 40 items, ranging from 99p to £5.99, and Mr Webster says there are another dozen products in the pipeline. A total of 4 million units were sold last year, with net margins of around 20 per cent.

The group boasts a steady growth record which has seen sales since 1984 increase from £1.05 million to £4.12 million in the year to end-January.

Pretax profits during that period have also advanced steadily from £140,000 to £846,000 last time, boosting earnings a share from 1.3p to 7.2p.

There is no profits forecast, but with the group already enjoying average earnings growth of around 50 per cent during the past five years, it should have no difficulty in turning in pretax profits of at least £1 million in the current year.

Mr Webster now hopes to build on the group's success and is looking at other areas to expand into — possibly by way of acquisition.

Meanwhile, dealings will resume tomorrow in Ford Seller Morris, after its ambitious £44.6 million takeover of Centrovincial, the property devloper, from Singer & Friedlander. The shares, suspended at 95p, are expected to open at 115p. Analysts are looking for pretax profits of around £9 million from Ford Seller Morris.

Machine tool exports rise

Exports of machine tools have risen, although domestic sales have continued to fall, according to the Machine Tools Trade Association.

Last year, British manufacturing industry bought £628 million worth of British-made machine tools compared with £727 million the year before — a fall of 13.6 per cent.

Britain is the world's eighth largest producer of machine tools and the world's seventh largest market.

The figures issued by the association show that it is increasing its share of EEC sales. Last year, it sold £119.5 million worth of tools to the EEC, a rise of 39 per cent.

The largest increase was in Spain, where it sold £17.9 million worth, an increase of 337 per cent.

The main export market was again the United States, which took £59 million worth.

Imports fell in 1987 by 15 per cent to £323 million, but still took over half of the domestic market.

More than a third came from West Germany, £111 million worth.

Logica to attack paperwork

By Robert Matthews
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Logica, the computer software company, has been chosen as main contractor for the task of eliminating the bulk of the paperwork overwhelming the City.

The company has been given the problem by LondonClear, a consortium of 36 financial institutions, which was set up last year to automate the daily clearing and settlement of money-market instruments in the City.

The current practice of exchanging securities and payment documents by physical delivery dates back to the Victorians. As such, it cannot hope to cope with the massive volumes now passing through the City, and is holding up even greater expansion.

The new system — due to start next year — should prove a more secure way of distributing documents dealing with millions of pounds than the hordes of messengers currently used.

Logica has already made a start on designing the network by concentrating on the sterling money market. The company intends that member institutions will be able to use their existing computers to take advantage of the paperless system.

Trade matching will be introduced first, followed by advisory book entry transfer and then inventory management.

LondonClear's aim is to enable settlements to be made on the same day, and to give the system the facility to cope with more currencies than just sterling.

GILT-EDGED

Market on course for the storm before the calm

Fixed interest markets are confused. They have fairly clear ideas about what is happening in the economy, but they are finding it difficult to translate those notions into a consistent pattern of price action.

Although the markets acknowledge the need for a credit tightening exercise to eliminate incipient symptoms of excess demand, they are being distracted by the strength of sterling. They are, accordingly, in two minds about the outlook for rates.

The confusion has not been lessened by the fact that the authorities (the Bank and the Treasury) are divided on the issue, and seem to be swinging from one policy prescription to another.

In fact, the fundamental situation is relatively easy to analyse. The background is provided by a monetary environment which has been recklessly expansive for a number of years, and which has induced a pace of economic growth which is unsustainably fast.

It has already taken the unemployment rate down sharply, it has caused the external accounts to dip into the red, and it threatens to cause an inflationary lift-off.

The straightforward policy response to this situation is a tightening of credit. It is a policy which will lift interest rates, as the demand for borrowing bumps up against a declining availability, but that is a largely desirable corollary. The private sector needs to reduce its credit-financed spending, and the interest rate is the best mechanism for transmitting that message.

Sterling will also rise, but that is not something to be squeamish about. The stronger pound will make local industry less competitive, but it is the loss of competitiveness which will cause the industrialist to be more conscious of his cost structures. It has been his irresponsible attitude to pay settlements that is the immediate cause of anxiety on the inflation front; it is the intensified threat of overseas competition that will bring him back into line.

Nor will the stronger pound hurt the balance of payments. On the contrary, because the pace of internal economic growth will be moderating, the demand for imports will subside and the capacity to export will rise. It is possible, in fact, that the monthly returns undergo a sizeable improvement during the remainder of 1988, at the very time that the pound continues its rise.

In this environment, the near-term outlook for the gilt market is somewhat bleak, although later it becomes fairly satisfactory. Initially, there will be pain as interest rates rise, but as the economic fundamentals justify a monetary relaxation, there will be a measure of joy.

The alternative policy prescription yields a reversal of the phases of price action for the gilt market. If the authorities should succumb to the Treasury/CBI lobby and reduce interest rates now, the immediate implications for bonds might be satisfactory, but the more distant ones would be awful.

Encouraging still faster rates of economic growth, there would be a quickening of inflationary pressures and an intensified deterioration in the trade returns. Confidence in the London market would be undermined, and the extent of the money squeeze ultimately required to correct the distortions would be horribly severe.

If this analysis is correct, the recent reductions in interest rates are somewhat anomalous. They may have sent out the wrong economic signals, but they were designed principally for a political audience.

The key factor was the need to support the dollar, which was having one of its recurring mini-crises. The chances are Reagan's people asked their Thatcher counterparts for help. As America's best ally, a temporary reduction in interest rates was the least that might have been offered.

The next few weeks will provide a test for this thesis. If the dollar regains some stability, the reaction of the authorities will be revealing. If our interest rates rise again, and if sterling climbs in a way which makes the CBI squeal, we will clearly be back on track. Long gilt yields will head towards 10 per cent by autumn, but will be in a position to rally thereafter.

Gilt prices are unlikely to rise in a straight line — the probability of a US credit squeeze as soon as the election is past is a complicating factor — but the upside potential will be substantial.

From next February, however, we could well see a protracted advance extending into 1990. The conjunction of low inflation, an external surplus and a negative PSBR will provide the fundamentals, and the availability of foreign money the catalyst. By then, Japanese disenchantment with American bonds might have reached crisis point and a significant proportion of their cashflow could cascade into London.

It is only when the money inflows coincide with a phase of sluggish economic growth and with a (relatively) cloudless inflationary sky, that the authorities feel free to drop interest rates aggressively to fend off the inflows. That was what happened in 1977 and in the early 1980s. Both occasions produced impressive advances in the gilt market, and a similar prospect is promised for much of 1989 and 1990. We are, however, still some months away from the start of the process.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for April 22

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8855-1.8930	1.8895-1.8905	0.16-0.13pr	0.39-0.34pr
Montrl	2.3239-2.3341	2.3279-2.3310	0.05-0.25ds	0.43-0.66ds
Amstrdm	3.5372-3.5504	3.5466-3.5504	1⅜-⅞prm	3⅝-3⅛pr
Brussels	65.88-66.58	66.36-66.58	21-3pr	44-23pr
Copnhgn	12.1138-12.1521	12.1363-12.1521	½-2⅝ds	2⅝-4⅜ds
Dublin	1.1790-1.1841	1.1820-1.1830	24-17pr	65-42pr
Frankft	3.1551-3.1628	3.1582-3.1628	1⅝-1pr	3⅞-3⅝pr
Lisbon	256.97-258.87	257.44-258.53	55-105ds	201-320ds
Madrid	208.10-209.27	208.70-209.18	25-45ds	95-130ds
Milan	2344.28-2351.78	2348.65-2351.78	2-7ds	13-20ds
Oslo	11.6140-11.6530	11.6355-11.6512	4⅝-6⅝ds	16⅜-17⅞ds
Paris	10.7097-10.7399	10.7266-10.7399	⅝pr-⅛ds	⅛-1⅛ds
Stckhlm	11.0688-11.1039	11.0923-11.1039	1⅛-2⅛ds	4⅞-5⅝ds
Tokyo	235.18-236.06	235.53-235.84	1⅝-⅞pr	2⅝-2pr
Vienna	22.13-22.22	22.19-22.22	8⅝-7⅝pr	22⅝-20⅝pr
Zurich	2.6066-2.6174	2.6141-2.6174	1⅛-1pr	4-⅝pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	13.5828-13.6844
Australia dollar	2.4945-2.4977
Bahrain dinar	0.7100-0.7140
Brazil cruzado*	242.05-243.40
Cyprus pound	0.8330-0.8430
Finland marka	7.5050-7.5450
Greece drachma	252.00-254.00
Hong Kong dollar	14.7315-14.7414
India rupee	24.81-25.01
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5140-0.5180
Malaysia dollar	4.8441-4.8487
Mexico peso	4230-4330
New Zealand dollar	2.7918-2.7976
Saudi Arabia riyal	7.0735-7.1025
Singapore dollar	3.7767-3.7807
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3410-5.4684
S Africa rand (com)	4.0454-4.0533
U A E dirham	6.9150-6.9550

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 78.7 (day's range 78.6-78.8).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5955-1.5970	Denmark	6.4250-6.4300	Italy	1243.3-1244.8
Singapore	2.0025-2.0035	W Germany	1.6737-1.6744	Belgium (Com)	34.94-34.97
Malaysia	2.5685-2.5695	Switzerland	1.3835-1.3845	Hong Kong	7.8110-7.8120
Australia	1.3227-1.3236	Netherlands	1.8752-1.8762	Portugal	136.50-136.90
Canada	1.2315-1.2325	France	5.6820-5.6850	Spain	110.55-110.65
Sweden	5.8710-5.8760	Japan	124.80-124.90	Austria	11.76-11.77
Norway	6.1600-6.1650				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8 Finance Hse 9½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 8½ Low 7½ Week fixed: 8½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 7 13/16 3 mth – 7 13/16
Selling: 2 mth – 7¾ 3 mth – 7 11/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 7⅞-7 13/16 2 mth: 7 27/32-25/32 3 mth: 7 13/16-11/16 6 mth 8-7⅞

Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 8⅜ 2 mth: 8⅜ 3 mth: 8⅛ 6 mth 8⅛

Interbank (%). Overnight: open 9 close 8½
1 week: 8⅛-8 1 mth: 8⅛-8⅛ 3 mth: 8 7/16-8 5/16
6 mth: 8⅝-8½ 9 mth: 8¾-8⅝ 12 mth: 9-8 15/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 8⅛ 7 day: 8⅛ 1 mth: 8⅛
3 mth: 8⅜ 6 mth: 8⅝ 12 mth: 8⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 8⅛-8 2 mth: 8 3/16-7 15/16 3 mth: 8⅛-7⅞
6 mth: 8 3/16-7 15/16 9 mth: 8½-8¼ 12 mth: 8 11/16-7/16
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 8 5/32-8 1/32
3 mth: 8 9/32-8 5/32 6 mth: 8⅜-8¼ 12 mth 8⅞-8¾
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 7.00-6.95
3 mth: 7.15-7.10 6 mth: 7.35-7.30 12 mth 7.75-7.70

TREASURY BILLS

Applicts: £504m	allotted: £100m
Bids: £98.055%	received: 46%
Last week: £98.085%	received: 18%
Avge rate: £7.8536%	last wk £7.6470%
Next week: £100m	replace £100m

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar: Call: 6⅞-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	7 1/16-6 15/16	7⅜-7¼	7⅝-7½
Deutschemark: Call: 3⅜-2⅞	3 5/16-3 3/16	3⅜-3¼	3 7/16-3 5/16	3 9/16-3 7/16
French Franc: Call: 7⅝-6⅞	7 13/16-11/16	8⅛-8	8 5/16-8 3/16	8½-8⅜
Swiss Franc: Call: 1⅝-⅞	2⅜-2¼	2 5/16-2 3/16	2 5/16-2 3/16	2 7/16-2 5/16
Yen: Call: 3⅜-2⅞	4 5/16-4 3/16	4-3⅞	4⅛-4	4¼-4⅛

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY — Interims: Allied London Properties, Cosalt (expected April 26), Equity & Law International Funds, Hawthorn Leslie, S Lyles, Rosehaugh. **Finals:** Albany Investment Trust, Davies & Newman, Feedex Agricultural Industries, Futura Holdings, How Group, London American Ventures Trust (expected April 26), RKF Group, Tarmac (expected April 26), United Friendly Insurance.

TOMORROW — Interims: Casket, Five Oaks Investments, Majedie, Scottish Metropolitan Property, Scottish National Trust. **Finals:** BDA Holdings, CI Group, Dencora, FR Group, Joseph Holt, Lanca, Plumb Holdings, Ratners Group, Scott & Robertson, Triefus, Walker Greenbank, Ward Group.

WEDNESDAY — Interims: Clydesdale Investment Trust (expected April 28), Framlington Overseas Income and Growth Fund, Hatfield Estates, Jessups, Tate & Lyle (expected April 28). **Finals:** Downiebrae Holdings, Ellis & Goldstein, Elswick, Foseco Minsep, Cecil Gee, Ronald Martin Groome, Nurdin & Peacock, S&U Stores, Shiloh, Smaller Companies International Trust, JO Walker.

THURSDAY — Interims: Bellway, CDFC Trust (expected April 29), DAKS Simpson Group, Ensign Trust (expected April 29), JH Fenner, MJ Gleeson, Imperial Chemical Industries (first quarter), UK Land. **Finals:** James Beattie, British & Commonwealth Holdings, Horace Clarkson, Eagle Trust (amended), Micro Focus Group, Mining & Allied Supplies, Molynx, Scottish Mortgage & Trust, SKF, HC Slingsby, Windsmoor.

FRIDAY — Interims: Chemoxy International, Albert Fisher, London Entertainments, Philips' Lamps, Royal Trust Yen Bond Fund. **Finals:** Clayton, Son & Co, Densitron International.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	8.00%
Adam & Company	8.00%
BCCI	8.00%
Consolidated Crds	8.00%
Co-operative Bank	8.00%
C. Hoare & Co	8.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	8.00%
Lloyds Bank	8.00%
Nat Westminster	8.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	8.00%
TSB	8.00%
Citibank NA	8.00%

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
6,329,000	A & M Gp	10½	+1½	.. e	..	38.9
23.1m	ASD	323	● +10	13.0	4.0	9.1
7,285,000	ATA Selection	61	+1	2.5	4.1	14.5
17.1m	Aber Am Pet	32	+1	..	..	..
6,120,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	51	+3	1.6a	3.1	..
—	Access Satellite	..	..	4.41	..	..
17.9m	Acorn Comp	27	-2	..	..	25.2
25.6m	Acsis Group	70	+5	..	..	..
10.3m	Airsprung	170	-5	8.5	5.0	9.2
3,222,000	Ald Insurance	102	..	5.5	5.4	11.1
7,427,000	Ald Restaurants	76	● ..	1.7	2.2	..
31.0m	Amer Bus Sys	83	+2	2.2	2.7	36.7
11.3m	Antler	193	● ..	4.8	2.5	15.8
36.7m	App Holographics	262	-23	..	..	..
116.4m	Aran Energy	72	-3	..	..	..
29.6m	Ashtead	430	..	4.1	1.0	38.4
42.4m	Aspen Comms	430	● +5	7.0b	1.6	18.9
139.5m	Asprey	263	-12	5.6	2.1	14.7
4,016,000	Assoc Energy	58	+26	..	..	60.4
6,808,000	Assoc Nursing	138	+2	2.7b	2.0	39.4
239.7m	Atlantic Sec	74	-1	..	..	..
17.2m	Atlas Equipment	213	+28	9.6	4.5	11.5
6,617,000	Automagic	118	● -2	8.9	7.7	17.7
3,826,000	BBB Design	48	-2	2.1	4.4	7.7
10.9m	BCE	39	+1	1.4	3.6	15.7
4,117,000	BTS Grp	80	..	5.8	7.3	15.2
8,836,000	BWD	96	..	5.1	5.4	7.6
12.1m	Beaverco	185	..	6.9	3.7	14.7
4,180,000	Bedford (William)	88	● +5	6.4	7.3	8.2
5,417,000	Bensons Crisps	73	● +2	0.7	1.0	12.4
5,280,000	Berry Birch & Noble	88	-4	6.2	7.0	8.5
4,004,000	Beston&Battersea	95	● ..	5.8	6.1	13.2
4,701,000	Bio Isolates	27	..	..	..	..
9,520,000	Biomechanics	28	+2	..	..	..
3,182,000	Blanchards	46	-5	.. e	..	7.4
52.3m	Blenheim Exhib	470	● ..	7.3	1.8	39.1
22.3m	Bluebird Toys	287	● +2	8.5	3.2	10.6
10.8m	Bonded Laminates	125	● ..	4.1	3.3	17.9
3,744,000	Border TV	37	..	2.0	5.4	9.5
54.8m	Borland	111	..	..	..	..
5,283,000	Brewmaker	10½	..	2.1	20.0	43.8
4,557,000	Br Bloodstock	133	..	12.1	9.1	8.7
18.0m	Br Island	100	-2	2.7	2.7	13.6
13.3m	Broad St	37	+3	2.6	7.0	14.9
46.6m	Brookmount	355	+5	6.1	1.7	19.1
2,682,000	Bryant (Derek)	105	+2	2.7	2.6	26.9
—	Bula Resources	5¼	+¼	..	..	..
30.8m	Burford	260	+25	0.4	0.2	48.3
8,855,000	CCA Galleries	90	..	3.8	4.2	12.5
25.7m	CCF	192	+4	4.1	2.1	9.4
18.5m	CML Micro	108	-3	..	..	..
11.8m	CPU Comp	73	-2	..	..	21.3
9,108,000	CSL Corp	66	..	..	..	..
—	Caledonian Off	210	..	..	..	..
7,770,000	Camotech	111	+17	2.8	2.5	30.7
10.9m	Cap & Regional	93	+5	0.4	0.4	33.8
1,744,000	Carron Phoenix	158	-3	..	..	..
7,772,000	Castle Comm	215	● +10	9.8	4.5	15.2
20.8m	Catalyst	54	● +5	0.1	0.2	13.2
9,500,000	Central Motor	95	..	3.4b	3.6	15.1
35.1m	Chancery Secs	193	+5	5.5	2.8	20.9
14.6m	Chelsea Man	135	..	4.0	3.0	14.1
7,354,000	Chem Methods	39	..	..	..	..
2,118,000	Cifer	13½	..	.. e	..	9.2
19.7m	Cityvision	70	+5	0.7	1.0	28.2
6,858,000	Circaprint	130	-5	2.6	2.0	8.5
12.1m	Clarke Hooper	148	..	3.7	2.5	18.0
5,564,000	Clogau Gold	25	-1	..	..	..
49.6m	Cluff Oil Hdgs	100	+9	..	..	..
21.9m	Coated Electrodes	85	..	5.5	6.5	10.0
21.1m	Cobra Emerald	67	..	..	..	..
3,222,000	Colorgen Inc	29	..	..	..	..
21.7m	Colorgraphic	198	● ..	6.2	3.1	15.4
26.5m	Colourvision	198	-4	4.5	2.3	18.4
9,760,000	Co of Designers	91	+3	4.1	4.5	11.0
8,345,000	Comp Financial	191	-2	3.4	1.8	20.9
11.8m	Compsoft	45	r ..	..	..	7.5
20.9m	Cons Tem Invs	47	+1	..	..	31.5
10.1m	Contl Microwave	190	● +5	4.0	2.1	15.0
37.7m	Cook (DC)	156	..	3.9	2.5	..
13.6m	Copymore	126	..	2.7	2.1	15.0
16.1m	Corporate Prop	62	● ..	1.0	1.6	31.3
8,528,000	Cowells	118	+3	4.8	4.1	10.7
8,815,000	Cramphorn	305	..	4.8	1.6	20.3
7,901,000	Cranbrook	80	-5	0.7	0.9	42.6
4,760,000	Cranswick	85	+5	7.6	8.9	8.3
5,224,000	Craton Lodge	91	..	3.4	3.7	12.7
6,894,000	Creighton Labs	188	+1	5.3	2.8	18.0
6,127,000	Crown TV Prods	65	..	..	..	24.6
7,844,000	Davies (DY)	148	-2	5.5	3.7	11.7
9,565,000	Dean & Bowes	131	● ..	5.5	4.2	15.1
2,800,000	De Brett (Andre)	35	+2	.. e	..	37.2
15.4m	De Morgan	93	+2	2.3	2.5	..
3,862,000	Delmar	52	..	3.0	5.8	10.0
6,234,000	Denmans Elec	145	..	5.6	3.9	8.9
51.5m	Dewey Warren	118	+1	..	..	8.0
10.6m	Dialene	280	..	4.1	1.5	15.3
26.6m	Dolphin Packaging	138	+15	2.7	2.0	..
24.4m	Druck	389	● -5	7.4	1.9	15.6
8,548,000	Dunton	29	+2½	0.8	2.8	18.1
4,632,000	Dudley Jenkins	106	..	3.7	3.5	16.4
5,495,000	Eadie	51	..	2.1	4.1	31.7
5,887,000	Ealing Elect Optics	56	● ..	2.1	3.8	7.1
—	Ecobric	39	..	..	..	..
11.9m	Econ Forestry	85	-1	4.1	4.8	12.0
3,732,000	Eden Oil & Gas	28	-1	..	..	70.0
27.2m	Eldridge Pope 'A'	365	+2	10.6	3.0	14.6
15.6m	Electron House	142	● +2	5.6	3.9	79.3
8,839,000	Entertainment Prod	27½	+7	..	..	12.3
24.4m	Epwin	170	+2	6.6	3.9	13.9
13.8m	Eve Construction	148	● -2	6.9	4.7	10.1
42.5m	Explaura Hldgs	37½	..	..	..	..
14.3m	F & H Group	61	r +5	.. e	..	21.5
5,767,000	Fairway London	78	..	4.1	5.6	12.6
6,002,000	Feedback	71	+1	3.4	4.8	16.8
—	Feltrim Mining	54	-2	..	..	..
5,577,000	Fergebrook	22	..	.. a	..	1.6
139.5m	Fields (Mrs)	93	..	..	..	..
20.9m	Filofax	146	● +6	4.5	3.1	13.6
73.9m	Firstland	43	+3	..	..	..
21.4m	Fletcher Dennys	39	+4	..	..	9.1
9,702,000	Flextech	44	..	..	..	7.7
31.4m	Flogas	180	-5	..	..	..
17.7m	Floyd Oil	30	..	..	..	12.3
30.8m	Ford Seller	95	-1	2.7	2.8	..
12.8m	Forward Gp	179	● +2	3.0	1.7	22.1
12.4m		218	..	9.3	4.3	11.5
23.0m	French Conn	145	..	7.2	5.0	8.7
60.6m	Fuller Smith 'A'	505	..	7.5	1.5	20.5
5,109,000	GWR Gp	345	+10	..	..	..
5,005,000	GC Flooring	53	● +7	2.7	5.1	9.8
18.9m	Gabbicci	138	● +3	4.9	3.6	12.1
8,400,000	Gardner (DC)	150	-1	4.1	2.7	17.2
7,271,000	Gee (Cecil)	81	..	1.4	1.7	..
6,219,000	Gibbon Lyons	156	+5	5.7	3.7	19.1
11.6m	Gibbs Mew	211	..	5.5	2.6	19.0
5,208,000	Global Gp	91	● +1	4.1	4.5	12.1
5,853,000	Godwin Warren	121	..	3.0	2.5	17.2
21.7m	Goodhead Print	168	+2	5.5	3.3	13.2
10.6m	Graham Motor Gp	100	..	1.7	1.7	..
9,800,000	Granyte Surface	70	..	3.6	5.1	10.8
24.2m	Great Southern	250	-15	8.2	3.3	19.2
16.3m	Green (Ernest)	213	● -5	5.8	2.7	15.5
2,100,000	Greenwich Cable	30	..	..	..	..
13.7m	Guidehouse	60	-3	..	..	..
18.1m	Halls Homes	173	● +8	5.1	2.9	21.4
8,583,000	Hampden Homecare	86	● -1	2.5	2.9	10.7
8,979,000	Handley Walker	141	..	4.5	3.2	15.8
16.1m	Harmony Leisure	62	..	0.1	0.2	..
11.2m	Hatfield Estates	150	+5	2.1	1.4	..
61.6m	Hawthorn Leslie	39	+5½	0.3	0.8	39.0
10.0m	Health Care	66	+1	1.2	1.8	16.7
3,737,000	Heavitree	720	..	17.0	2.4	19.4
6,956,000	Do 'A' LV	680	..	17.0	2.6	17.8
6,595,000	Hewetson	96	● +1	3.7	3.9	16.2
11.7m	Hey & Croft	156	+1	5.3	3.4	11.5
24.1m	Highland Part	156	+1	..	..	..
5,438,000	Hille Ergonom	48	..	2.7	5.6	11.4
15.0m	Hobson	44	-1	..	..	48.4
36.5m	Hodgson	206	r -10	3.2	1.6	18.1
4,230,000	Holders Tech	141	..	8.2	5.8	..
769.7m	Holmes Protection	139	● -3	..	..	..
12.1m	Honeysuckle Gp	150	-3	5.6	3.7	14.3
11.7m	Hornby	146	-4	5.5	3.8	10.6
83.8m	Hughes Food	103	..	0.7	0.7	39.6
13.9m	Hughes (HT)	76	..	..	..	..
9,097,000	Humbold Elec	27	+1	..	..	..
4,657,000	Huntleigh Tech	55	-10	1.4	2.5	38.2
3,371,000	INSTEM	75	..	3.4	4.5	16.3
—	Image Storage	40	-7	..	..	..
6,341,000	Imtec	9½	..	..	..	12
2,361,000	InfraRed	36	+3	..	..	..
7,176,000	Intereurope Tech	138	● -42	8.8	6.4	6.9
71.8m	Interlink Express	442	● -3	9.3	2.1	23.4
20.3m	Israel (Jack L)	24¼	-¼	0.7	2.9	25.0
33.8m	Jaques Vert	370	+15	11.6	3.1	13.2
2,080,000	Jebsens	13	..	.. e	..	0.4
11.8m	Johnson Fry	115	+7	3.4	3.0	13.9
11.5m	Johnstones Paints	110	..	6.5	5.9	9.7
10.2m	JSB Elec	195	-7	4.1	2.1	18.8
5,100,000	Just Rubber	68	..	2.7	4.0	11.7
37.4m	Kenyon Secs	273	..	8.2	3.0	51.2
8,045,000	Kewill Systems	135	..	2.1	1.6	17.0
7,854,000	Klark-Teknik	48	+2	1.8	3.8	10.8
9,224,000	Knobs & Knockers	111	..	1.6	1.4	..
38.5m	Kunick	39½	+1	1.4	3.5	..
5,418,000	LPA Ind	69	..	4.1	5.9	12.0
10.3m	Laidlaw Thomson	152	● -1	6.5	4.3	11.8
20.0m	LBMS Plc	165	+5	1.4	0.8	..
20.2m	Lewmar	85	..	3.6	4.2	10.2
97.6m	Local Lon Gp	490	-5	10.0	2.0	25.2
7,354,000	Lodge Care	107	-3	3.8	3.6	15.3
9,346,000	Lon & Clydeside	103	+3	7.8	7.6	12.0
160.0m	Lon Forfaiting	160	+1	8.9	5.6	11.8
8,519,000	Lorin Elect	135	+5	4.8	3.6	9.9
7,002,000	Lysander Pet	27	-3	..	..	..
6,132,000	M6 Cash & Carry	73	+5	5.2	7.1	10.1
12.0m	MMT Comp	118	..	1.5	1.3	17.3
—	MTL Instruments	74	..	..	..	..
9,798,000	McLaughlin & Har	242	● +8	11.0	4.5	10.9
12.3m	Magnetic Materials	70	● +1	4.0	5.7	9.3
6,565,000	Mainmet	170	-5	2.4	1.4	29.6
13.0m	March Gp	110	● ..	5.8	5.3	11.8
20.1m	Marcol Gp	141	● +2	1.0	0.7	..
38.4m	Marina Dev	258	-7	..	..	..
20.8m	Martin (Ronald)	200	-5	5.7	2.9	17.1
1,960,000	Maxiprint	18	..	..	..	..
14.4m	Mayborn	76	-2	4.8	6.3	9.0
4,967,000	Memory Comp	20	..	..	..	..
2,418,000	Memcom Intl Hldgs	23	+6	..	..	1.5
24.8m	Menvier-Swain	225	+2	4.7	2.1	19.4
22.3m	Merc Manf New	81	-5	..	..	..
15.8m	Merrydown Wine	375	..	7.5	2.0	21.3
11.4m	Metal Bulletin	130	-3	6.6	5.1	15.6
17.4m	Metsec	136	● -2	4.4	3.2	13.3
2,145,000	Michael (John)	26	..	.. e	..	10.4
36.9m	Microsystems	285	..	4.1	1.5	12.1
10.8m	Microvitec	40	● +5	2.1	5.3	11.4
21.8m	Miller & Santhouse	360	+10	3.8	1.1	41.4
8,090,000	Millward Brown	115	+5	4.1	3.6	9.3
5,558,000	Miss World	285	● -5	11.0	3.9	14.5
23.3m	Mays	238	..	1.6	0.7	27.7
10.1m	Molinare Visions	37	+5	..	..	21.1
20.2m	Monks & Crane	113	+3	4.4	3.9	10.6
8,360,000	Moorgate	131	-2	2.5	1.9	16.3
7,758,000	Morris Ashby	95	..	4.6n	4.8	9.5
2,674,000	Morris (William)	8	..	..	..	3.2
11.4m	Mowat	37	..	..	..	..
7,639,000	Musterlin	113	● ..	4.1	3.6	13.1
20.5m	New England Props	20	+2½	..	..	18.2
270,000	Do 10%	£90	..	1000	11.1	..
11.4m	Newage Trans	98	● +5	4.8	4.9	8.6
—	Nimslo	..	..	.. f	..	..
25.4m	Norfolk House	106	..	..	..	..
3,257,000	Norbain	47	-2	1.0	2.1	..
30.2m	Nth Sea & Gen	39	-1	..	..	7.7
8,073,000	Northumbrian Fine	91	..	2.4	2.6	15.8
4,488,000	Oilfield Inspec	83	+8	.. e	..	9.4
—	Optometrics	15	..	..	..	..
13.1m	Orchid Tech	238	..	.. e	..	..
17.6m	Osborne & Little	253	..	5.9	2.3	16.5
6,301,000	PCT	142	..	4.9	3.5	20.7
19.7m	PML	46	-1	1.7	3.7	11.4
5,584,000	Pacer Systems	125	-10	..	..	..
32.0m	Pacific Sales	262	+17	2.7	1.0	39.3
65.5m	Parkway	282	+2	2.1	0.7	38.8
5,729,000	Pathfinders	24	+3	..	..	..
6,049,000	Pavion	9	-½	.. e	..	5.7
12.6m	Pegasus	235	-3	5.6	2.4	..
63.4m	Pepe Group	270	+8	5.1	1.9	17.0
3,075,000	Pencom	41	+1	1.4	3.4	20.5
13.3m	Perkins Foods	93	..	1.5	1.6	28.6
13.0m	Personal Computer	260	..	5.3	2.0	17.5
18.6m	Peters (Michael)	141	● ..	4.5	3.2	14.0
1,172,000	Petrogen	10	..	..	..	..
8,800,000	Piccadilly Radio	110	● +30	3.1	2.8	24.8
21.2m	Pict Pet	90	-2	..	..	12.3
11.9m	Pineapple	79	+3	..	..	25.1
2,668,000	Plasmec	58	-1	3.8	6.6	7.3
4,000,000	Platon	98	+13	2.3	2.3	5.3
27.9m	Plum Hldgs	223	+13	4.1	1.8	30.5
10.8m	Polytech Marine	120	-3	..	..	..
3,071,000	Prem Leisure	87	..	2.0	2.3	7.7
20.6m	Psion	121	+3	..	..	..
9,835,000	Prontaprint	132	+5	1.4	1.1	43.0
15.1m	Property Trust	2½	..	..	..	..
10.1m	Quarto	141	+1	4.5	3.2	13.3
8,724,000	Quested	195	+9	7.4	3.8	9.5
25.0m	RKF	96	+9	3.0	3.1	13.7
13.5m	Radamec	90	+2	1.8	2.0	19.5
4,228,000	Radio City 'A'	192	+85	..	..	24.4
9,117,000	Radio Clyde	158	+32	5.8	3.7	15.5
26.3m	Radius	125	s +8	2.9	2.3	34.7
4,042,000	Ramco Oil	24	+1	..	..	5.8
6,199,000	Ramus	140	● +5	8.9	6.4	7.6
95.2m	Randsworth	144	● -2	1.4	1.0	38.9
5,040,000	Real Time Control	72	..	2.7	3.8	12.5
7,370,000	Regina Health	44	-7	0.4	0.9	28.4
10.8m	Reliance Sec	105	..	6.2	5.9	9.8
1,938,000	Reliant Motor	35	+1	..	..	12.5
8,349,000	Resort Hotels	17½	..	0.6n	3.4	12.2
20.9m	Rockwood	82	● ..	0.6	0.7	16.3
4,482,000	Rolfe & Nolan	173	-3	4.8	2.8	19.0
6,268,000	Rural Planning	98	..	2.7	2.8	20.2
28.0m	SAC	137	+2	4.8	3.5	13.9
5,845,000	SEP Indl	30	..	..	..	9.6
6,655,000	Sanders Sydney	143	-2	8.2	5.7	16.0
2,798,000	Sapphire Pet	13	+½	..	..	1.7
62.1m	Savage	201	r +16	3.4	1.7	25.7
3,552,000	Scantro	115	+4	3.4	3.0	16.5
76.4m	Scot Heritable	193	● +13	6.9	3.6	10.9
11.4m	Sec Archives	183	-4	3.3	1.8	..
17.1m	Select App	170	-5	3.4	2.0	23.9
2,607,000	SelecTV	19	+1	..	..	..
33.2m	Sharp & Law	192	+7	4.1	2.1	19.4
4,189,000	Sheldon Jones	81	+1	6.4	7.9	13.9
2,750,000	Shelton (Martin)	55	+3	2.4	4.4	..
13.8m	Sherwood Comp	270	● +5	6.2	2.3	11.2
48.5m	Sherwood Group	395	● +18	6.2	1.6	14.8
8,070,000	Shield	86	-5	4.1	4.8	10.4
9,720,000	Shoraplan	108	● +2	1.4	1.3	12.3
3,283,000	Shorco	134	● -1	5.1	3.8	12.5
4,070,000	Sigmex	48	-2	1.5	3.1	4.4
53.9m	Sims Catering	408	..	7.0	1.7	41.3
26.9m	Sinclair (William)	360	+5	8.5	2.4	21.2
15.5m	Smallbone	277	r +4	7.1	2.6	21.1
5,000,000	Soundtracks	50	..	2.6	5.2	11.2
61.5m	Sthn Bus	306	-1	6.3	2.1	14.3
10.4m	SW Resources	20	..	..	..	39.2
4,550,000	Space Planning	91	-2	2.7	3.0	25.3
32.8m	Spandex	345	-5	2.7	0.8	18.3
8,922,000	Spectrum	56	+1	..	..	6.1
9,688,000	Spice	125	-31	4.9	3.9	9.6
5,156,000	Splash	88	..	3.0	4.4	21.4
4,035,000	Stainless Metal	75	● -1	6.2	8.3	..
10.2m	Stanco Exhib	37	+2	..	..	..
242.2m	Stanhope Props	218	+15	..	..	..
15.2m	Sterling Pub	88	..	3.0	3.4	16.7
12.3m	Sunleigh Elect	27	● +2	0.8	3.0	9.4
12.4m	Sutherland	44	● +1	1.5	3.4	17.6
10.7m	Synapse Comp	305	..	4.4	1.4	16.0
4,970,000	TDS Circuits	71	+3	.. e	..	3.0
8,950,000	TMD Advert	154	..	3.3	2.1	15.1
20.4m	TSB Chan Islands	139	-1	5.7	4.1	8.5
90.7m	TV-AM	136	+5	7.5	5.4	9.1
14.6m	Task Force	178	● -5	4.0	2.2	17.3
27.0m	Tay Homes	381	● +22	8.9	2.3	10.9
8,569,000	Telecomputing	138	-5	2.1	1.5	11.4
7,798,000	Thornton GW	135	..	5.1	3.8	10.8
3,263,000	Thorpac	36	+3	1.6	4.4	14.5
6,336,000	Tinsley (Eliza)	88	+8	4.6	5.2	13.6
9,328,000	Titon	85	+4	..	..	..
8,500,000	Total Systems	85	-1	3.4	4.0	15.9
2,649,000	Towngrade Sec	50	..	..	..	80.6
6,000,000	Transrap Hldgs	60	..	..	..	..
77.0m	Trencherwood	360	-5	5.2	1.4	15.2
7,398,000	Trevian Hldgs	80	+8	1.4n	1.8	8.6
18.8m	Trilion	64	-3	1.6	2.5	14.3
10.7m	Tubular Exhib	23½	+2	..	..	..
12.2m	Tudor	115	..	6.9	6.0	9.1
13.9m	UCL Group	158	-3	5.5	3.5	13.4
—	URS Ind	51	-5	..	..	..
26.3m	UTC Group	181	..	11.0	6.1	29.7
84.8m	Utd Friendly	545	..	31.4	5.8	..
9,692,000	Usher (Frank)	140	● -1	8.8	6.3	9.9
3,660,000	WSP Hldgs	61	● -2	2.2	3.6	13.6
7,117,000	Wayne Kerr	68	● -1	2.5	3.7	12.4
6,037,000	Welpac	23	-2	0.5	2.2	15.6
1,655,000	Wentworth	38	..	2.4	6.3	12.3
7,074,000	West Yorkshire	163	● ..	6.2	3.8	15.4
5,320,000	Whinney Mackay	100	-3	3.8	3.8	12.8
10.7m	Wiltare Syst	21½	-1	0.3	1.4	19.5
12.4m	William (Rex) Hldgs	53	+12	1.0	1.9	45.7
11.1m	Wood John D & Co	145	..	3.4	2.3	14.7
13.5m	Wooltons Better	135	..	5.3	3.9	18.6
8,240,000	Wld of Leather	103	● +1	4.4	4.3	14.3
8,736,000	Wyevale	145	..	4.0	2.8	15.3
12.8m	Wyko	73	+1	3.6	4.9	19.1
3,721,000	Yelverton	32	+2	..	..	28.6
32.9m	York Tst Gp	63	+3	2.0	3.2	14.8
12.2m	Zygal Dynamics	82	+2	1.4	1.7	11.7

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
391.8m	Alliance	777	● ..	37.7	4.9	27.9
95.2m	Amer Trust	116	● +1	4.7	4.1	25.2
226.1m	Ang & O'seas	198	● -2	5.1	2.6	44.8
103.3m	Atlantic Assets	44	+1	1.4b	3.2	89.8
102.2m	Bankers	66	-1	2.3	3.5	43.4
243.8m	Br Assets	63½	● -½	3.3	5.2	25.7
51.8m	Br Empire Sec	39	+½	0.8	2.1	33.3
299.5m	Br Inv	480	..	24.1	5.0	23.7
67.8m	Brunner	106	+1	3.8	3.6	37.3
58.0m	CDFC Tst	58	-1	..	..	..
—	Do 6¾% Ln	£86½	● -½	650	7.5	..
142.2m	Cont & Ind	840	● ..	68.5	8.2	16.1
101.0m	Crescent Japan	150	+1	0.6	0.4	..
18.8m	Derby Inc	180	+2	14.9	8.3	14.8
19.3m	Do Cap	150	..	..	..	..
143.8m	Drayton Cons	425	..	16.4	3.9	35.0
42.7m	Drayton Far East	254	● -8	2.1	0.8	..
257.9m	Drayton Japan	955	-5	5.8	0.6	..
44.6m	Dundee Lon	266	+3	9.3	3.5	38.0
424.0m	Edinburgh	148	+1	5.7	3.9	35.8
66.9m	Electric Gen	74	-1	1.6	2.2	..
43.6m	English Int	211	+3	6.2	2.9	48.5
78.5m	English Scot	96	+2	2.3	2.4	47.3
208.9m	Ensign	72	● ..	1.4	1.9	66.7
22.1m	F & C Eurotrust	186	+1	2.6	1.4	89.4
132.2m	F & C Pacific	124½	-4½	1.5	1.2	..
57.0m	F &C Smaller	64	..	..	..	..
9,000,000	First Charlotte	12	..	0.8	8.7	15.0
120.0m	First Scot Amer	379	+2	19.2	5.1	26.5
71.4m	Fleming American	108	-3	2.1	1.9	75.5
48.4m	Fleming Claver	242	+4	8.8	3.6	37.8
46.4m	Fleming Enterprise	116	+2	3.2	2.8	55.2
267.6m	Fleming Far East	177	-1	1.1	0.6	..
24.6m	Fleming Fledging	198	● +6	3.6	1.8	74.8
162.1m	Fleming Japan	211	..	0.3e	0.1	..
248.6m	Fleming Mercantile	172	● +2	5.6	3.3	48.1
193.9m	Fleming Overseas	146	-1	3.1	2.1	69.5
61.9m	Fleming Tech	157	+2	1.1	0.7	..
95.7m	Fleming Universal	138	+1	2.1	1.5	..
538.6m	For Col	102½	-1½	2.7	2.6	50.5
76.4m	GBC Capital	105	+2	..	..	..
95.1m	GT Japan	305	-6	1.9	0.6	..
13.0m	General Cons Cap	66	-2	..	..	..
41.3m	Do Inc	105	+2	..	..	..
709.4m	Globe (aa)	135	-1	5.8	4.3	30.3
93.2m	Govett Atlantic	115	-2	4.1b	3.8	41.8
240.7m	Govett Oriental	258	..	1.6b	0.6	..
220.8m	Govett Strategy	225	+4	5.5	2.4	42.2
27.2m	Greenfriar	284	..	3.4	1.2	72.1
18.2m	Gresham House	425	+20	7.5	1.8	34.4
17.3m	Hambros	201	+2	8.0	4.0	41.9
37.6m	Invest in Success	123	-5	4.1	3.3	37.4
188.5m	Inv Cap	321	+3	18.0	5.8	23.3
36.4m	Ivory & Sime	118	-3	7.9	6.7	13.3
48.1m	Japan Assets	74	..	0.1	0.1	..
91.5m	Kleinwort Charter	113	..	4.0	3.5	35.6
96.2m	Kleinwort O'seas	120	● -3	3.6	3.0	44.3
18.4m	Kleinwort Smaller	420	● +5	13.3	3.2	46.7
62.5m	Law Debenture	276	● ..	11.6	4.2	25.5
44.9m	Lon Amer Ventures	49	+1	1.0e	2.0	..
166.1m	Lon Merchant Sec	104	+2	3.8	3.7	21.1
141.1m	Merchants	138	● -1	7.4	5.4	25.5
1,261.0m	Merrill Lynch	£11⅛	-⅛			
155.1m	Monks	200	..	4.0	2.0	64.9
144.3m	Murray Income	175	..	9.3b	5.3	26.4
191.1m	Murray Intl	163	● -3	7.5	4.6	31.7
77.7m	Murray Small	140	-1	2.5b	1.8	74.9
61.2m	Murray Venture	246	● +5	7.7	3.1	51.4
5,402,000	New Darien Oil	54	● +1	1.0	1.9	..
38.3m	Nwthrog Inc 83	98	..	6.6	6.7	19.7
58.8m	New Tokyo	138½	-1½	.. e	..	..
3,024,000	Nth Sea Assets	21	..	..	..	6.2
116.3m	Nthn Amer	347	-2	7.4	2.1	68.7
63.5m	O'seas Inv Tst	170	+1	2.4	1.4	..
13.7m	Pacific Assets	114	● -4	1.2	1.1	..
6,420,000	Personal Assets	43	..	0.7	1.6	74.1
115.0m	Raeburn	430	+2	22.6	5.3	24.4
14.4m	River & Merc	48	-3	..	..	..
—	Robeco	248	-11	..	..	..
—	Rolinco	234	-9	..	..	..
89.4m	Romney	313	-1	5.5	1.8	79.4
3,212.5m	Rorento	£16	-⅛			
57.4m	St Andrew Inv Tst	167	● +2	5.8	3.5	37.1
76.0m	Schroder Global	211	+8	8.0	2.8	48.5
370.5m	Scottish	121½	+½	3.4	2.8	53.3
165.5m	Scot American	83	-1	2.9	3.5	39.7
249.2m	Scot Eastern	118	● ..	3.2	2.7	47.8
17.1m	Scot Merc 'A'	107	-1	6.9	6.4	21.5
357.1m	Scot Mtge	99	-1	..	..	..
134.2m	Second Alliance	699	+1	28.8	4.1	31.3
158.5m	Secs Tst of Scotland	99	+1	4.9b	4.9	32.1
41.6m	Smaller Cos	106	+6	1.4	1.3	71.1
32.2m	Steel Burrill	183	● +23	13.7	7.5	11.3
29.2m	TR Australia	95	-1	3.3	3.5	38.5
131.9m	TR City Of Lon Dfd	69	● ..	3.5b	5.1	28.6
484.7m	TR Ind & Gen	112	-1	3.1	2.8	44.8
62.9m	TR Natural Res	53	..	2.8	5.3	23.6
56.0m	TR North America	86	..	2.7b	3.1	38.4
31.4m	TR Pacific	47	+1	..	..	..
123.7m	TR Property	95½	+½	2.0	2.7	58.6
206.7m	TR Trustees	116	..	3.1	2.7	46.8
117.9m	Temple Bar	206	● ..	9.5	4.6	28.6
226.4m	Throgmorton	404	● ..	14.5	3.6	33.3
9,625,000	Throg Dual	275	-10	..	..	..
82.5m	Tribune	161	..	4.9	3.0	43.3
19.4m	Triplevest Inc	81	● ..	19.9	24.6	5.6
40.6m	USDC Investment	111	● +1	3.6	3.2	65.3
10.2m	Value Inc Tst	54	..	1.7	3.1	78.1
20.4m	Viking Resources	51	..	2.7	5.3	22.9
119.9m	Westpool	106	+8	2.3	2.2	60.2
355.2m	Witan	104	-3	3.0	2.9	50.0

THIRD MARKET

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
7,501,000	Abelscot	178	● ..	6.3	3.5	11.1
2,905,000	Amercoeur	28	-2	..	..	..
1,567,000	Andaman Res	76	r ..	..	..	..
9,662,000	Beckenham	73	+4	..	..	..
—	Broadcast	154	+1	..	..	..
7,770,000	Camotech	111	+17	2.6	2.5	30.7
2,650,000	Chelsea Art	138	-4	..	..	..
803,000	Chemex Intl	30	..	..	..	..
1,554,000	Comac	105	+10	3.4	3.2	11.6
20.7m	Conon Bch	60	+5	0.6	1.0	16.2
40.0m	Crown Eye	125	-3	..	..	37.9
167,000	Eglinton	11½	..	..	..	..
10.7m	Far E Res	107	-1	..	..	..
8,549,000	Honorbilt	34	-1	..	..	..
2,036,000	Kamp (PE)	45	..	..	..	8.4
45.5m	Leading Lsr	89	+1	1.6	1.8	18.2
1,653,000	Lynx Tech	45	..	..	..	5.2
11.6m	Medirace	121	-4	..	..	..
0.227.0m	Norton Gp	22	+2	..	..	..
1,460,000	Pennine Optical	49	-1	..	..	13.2
2,032,000	Pub Hldgs	15	+1	..	..	8.7
4,476,000	Seacon	70	..	..	..	..
21.6m	Takare	248	+23	1.4	0.6	..
6,908,000	Thema Hldgs	41	-7	1.5	3.7	9.9
5,324,000	UPL	122	+2	..	..	..
5,751,000	Uni Group	142	● +2	6.9	4.9	8.0

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§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are Friday's middle prices. Change, dividend, yield and P/E ratios are calculated on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Yorklyde	Textiles	
2	Coates Bros	Chemicals,Plas	
3	Wade Potteries	Industrials S-Z	
4	Home Counties	Newspapers,Pub	
5	Goring Kerr	Industrials E-K	
6	Bryson	Oil,Gas	
7	Iceland Frozen	Foods	
8	Alphameric	Electricals	
9	Leeds	Textiles	
10	Bank Of Wales	Banks,Discount	
11	Sycamore	Industrials S-Z	
12	Etam	Drapery,Stores	
13	Amec	Building,Roads	
14	Expamet	Industrials E-K	
15	Lynton Prop	Property	
16	Hampson Ind	Industrials E-K	
17	Banro	Industrials A-D	
18	ERA Gp	Drapery,Stores	
19	Bestwood	Industrials A-D	
20	Howden	Industrials E-K	
21	Alexon	Drapery,Stores	
22	Spring Ram	Industrials S-Z	
23	Owners Abroad	Leisure	
24	SI	Industrials S-Z	
25	Fisher (A)	Foods	
26	Mitel	Electricals	
27	Ratners Group	Drapery,Stores	
28	Greene King	Breweries	
29	Caledonia	Shipping	
30	Sock Shop	Drapery,Stores	
31	Church Charles	Building,Roads	
32	Rowntree (aa)	Foods	
33	TVS	Cinemas,TV	
34	Electrocomponents	Electricals	
35	Tesco (aa)	Foods	
36	Barker (Charles)	Paper,Print,Adv	
37	Ashley	Industrials A-D	
38	Evans Of Leeds	Property	
39	Mackay (Hugh)	Textiles	
40	Anwoods	Building,Roads	
41	Noble & Lund	Industrials L-R	
42	Jessups	Motors,Aircraft	
43	Cook (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
44	Kalamazoo	Industrials E-K	
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BRITISH FUNDS

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int. only yld%	Gross Red yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)					
1150m	Treas C9¾% 1988	100¼	+89¼	9.7	..
1294m	Trans 3% 1978-88	99⅝	●+99⅝	3.0	..
2062m	Treas 9½% 1988	100⅝	● ..	9.4	..
2303m	Treas 11½% 1989	102⅝	-⅛	11.2	..
1427m	Treas 10½% 1989	101⅛	-¼	10.3	..
2439m	Exch 10% 1989	101⅝	-⅛	9.8	..
1246m	Exch 10¼% 1989	103⅛	●-¼	9.9	..
2083m	Exch 11% 1989	103½	-⅛	10.7	..
582m	Treas 5% 1986-89	96⅛	-⅛	5.2	..
1181m	Treas C9½% 1989	101	-⅛	9.4	..
463m	Treas 3% 1989	96¾	●-¼	3.1	..
——	Treas 8% 1990	100⅛	-1⅛	..	..
1064m	Treas 13% 1990	106⅛	-⅛	12.2	..
1452m	Exch 11% 1990	103¼	-⅛	10.6	..
1332m	Exch 12½% 1990	106⅝	-⅛	11.7	..
512m	Treas 3% 1990	93¼	-⅛	3.2	..
595m	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	99¼	-¼	8.3	..
1935m	Treas 10% 1990	102⅛	●-⅛	9.8	..
454m	Exch 2½% 1990	90¼	●-½	2.7	..
1047m	Treas C10¼% 1991	104⅝	-⅛	9.5	..
2345m	Treas 11¾% 1991	106⅝	-⅛	11.0	..
747m	War Ln 3½%	39⅞	-⅛	8.9	..
78m	Conv 3½%	51⅝	●-½	6.8	..
18m	Treas 3%	32⅝	●-½	9.2	..
76m	Consols 2½%	27⅝	●-⅛	9.1	..
131m	Treas 2½%	27⅝	●-⅛	9.1	..
INDEX-LINKED					
601m	Treas IL 2% 1990	120¼	+⅛	2.0	..
658m	Treas IL 2% 1992	101⅝	-⅛	2.1	..
1355m	Treas IL 2% 1996	136½	-1	2.2	..
1010m	Treas IL2½% 2001	112⅝	-1⅛	2.9	..
875m	Treas IL2½% 2003	108⅝	●-1¼	3.0	..
1218m	Treas IL 2% 2006	110⅝	-1⅛	2.7	..
986m	Treas IL2½% 2009	103⅛	●-1	3.1	..
1454m	Treas IL2½% 2011	107⅝	-1	3.2	..
178m	Treas IL2½% 2013	89¼	-1⅛	3.2	..
1544m	Treas IL2½% 2016	96½	-1	3.3	..
1367m	Treas IL2½% 2020	94¼	-1⅛	3.3	..
634m	Treas IL2½% 2024	79¼	-1⅛	3.3	..

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
455.7m	Allied Irish	215	-10	..	..	..
58.1m	Anglo Leasing	177	-2	..	..	..
126.5m	Ansbacher (Henry)	69	+2	2.7	3.9	28.5
926.9m	Aus New Z	164	-5	..	..	..
899.3m	Bankamerica	£5½	+¼	..	..	..
336.5m	Bank of Ireland	206	-17	.. b	..	..
1,066.5m	Bank Leumi Israel	£16	..	..	..	..
22.8m	Bank Leumi UK	350	..	17.0	4.9	11.2
653.1m	Bank Of Scotland	324	+11	25.8	4.9	8.0
13.2m	Bank Of Wales	55	+5	3.8	6.9	7.2
3,199.4m	Barclays (aa)	435	+10	31.9	7.3	18.9
15.0m	Benchmark	28	● ..	2.2	7.9	12.3
62.3m	Brown Shipley	385	-5	14.0	3.5	14.8
7,502,000	Bus Mortgage	50	..	1.4	2.8	10.8
70.2m	Cater Allen	370	-5	27.6	7.5	12.7
37.8m	Cattles	63	● ..	3.4	5.4	11.0
1,112.6m	Chase Manhattan	£13¼	-⅛	..	..	..
3,300.6m	Citicorp	£10⅝	+⅛	..	..	..
60.6m	Close Bros	165	●-5	6.2	3.8	20.4
1,217.6m	Commerzbank	£72½	-¼	..	..	..
3,849.1m	Deutsche Bank	£131	-1½	..	..	..
6,061,000	Equity & Gen	28	-3	1.6	6.2	10.1
334.8m	First Nat Finance	252	+15	12.0	4.8	8.1
254.9m	GPG	78	+1	..	..	13.1
127.6m	Gerrard Nat	335	-3	23.3	7.0	10.3
434.3m	Hambros	272	+3	12.1	4.4	10.6
1,915.0m	HK Shanghai	45	s +1	3.3	7.3	..
22.5m	Joseph (Leopold)	428	..	18.3	4.3	17.8
23.8m	King & Shaxson	151	+1	12.0	7.9	15.2
505.6m	Kleinwort Benson	383	●+5	19.2	5.0	9.3
2,158.8m	Lloyds (aa)	267	-8	18.1	6.8	4.6
23.7m	Lon Scot Bk	47	+1	2.5	5.3	6.1
2,098.1m	Midland (aa)	382	-8	27.5	7.2	5.0
401.5m	Morgan Grenfell	263	+19	14.9	5.7	11.1
981.7m	Nat Aust Bk	202	-2	..	..	..
3,983.5m	Nat West (aa)	528	-3	32.9	6.2	9.3
84.2m	Ottoman	£168½	..	800	4.7	5.5
175.3m	Provident	355	+16	21.9	6.2	18.9
34.9m	Rea Bros	88	●-2	2.4	2.7	17.0
472.1m	Rothschild (J) Hld	163	-5	8.2	5.0	8.7
979.1m	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	338	+3	17.4	5.2	6.5
225.9m	Schroders	900	● ..	22.6	2.5	11.3
692.0m	Stand Chart (aa)	438	●+3	48.0	11.0	5.4
1,500.0m	TSB (aa)	100	●-2	5.3	5.3	6.7
105.5m	Union	583	s -6	39.3	7.0	12.7
593.7m	Warburg SG	323	+11	14.4	4.5	..
49.7m	Do 6% 'A'	117	● ..	8.2	7.0	..
1,452.3m	Wells Fargo	£26⅝	-⅞	..	..	..
37.8m	Wintrust	448	●-5	8.8	2.0	17.6

BREWERIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
3,020.9m	Allied-Lyons (aa)	405	+13	16.2	4.0	12.0
2,829.9m	Bass (aa)	836	-4	26.8	3.2	12.5
86.0m	Belhaven	46	..	1.4	3.0	13.5
119.6m	Boddington	130	●+3	5.4	4.2	14.2
26.3m	Buckleys	165	-3	4.4	2.7	50.9
90.2m	Bulmer (H P)	174	-2	8.2	4.7	12.4
30.2m	Burtonwood Brew	145	..	4.0	2.8	23.4
33.6m	Clark (Matthew)	378	..	13.7	3.6	12.6
129.0m	Devenish (JA)	326	+3	4.1	1.3	28.7
246.4m	Greenall Whitley	218	+8	8.2	3.8	12.4
185.0m	Greene King	441	+5	9.3	2.1	22.7
2,434.7m	Guinness (aa)	297	●-3	12.6	4.2	9.8
27.8m	Hardys & Hansons	697	..	29.5	4.2	13.0
123.7m	Highland Distl	100	+1	3.5	3.5	15.8
48.2m	Invergordon Dist	210	● ..	7.9	3.8	12.7
131.4m	Irish Distl	219	-2	..	..	..
101.7m	Marston Thompson	117	..	3.6	3.1	14.8
41.1m	Morland	498	+3	10.8	2.2	19.7
786.7m	SA Breweries	300	-15	..	..	..
1,014.6m	Scot & New (aa)	278	+7	11.3	4.1	15.5
272.9m	Vaux Grp	579	+41	19.5	3.4	17.7
1,288.3m	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	305	..	12.6	4.1	12.9
54.4m	Do 'B'	328	+3	12.6	3.8	13.8
198.9m	Whitbread Inv	317	+16	11.6	3.7	36.9
252.1m	Wolvrhmptn & D	380	+7	8.0	2.1	18.6
11.6m	Young 'A'	400	+5	12.3	3.1	23.3

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
88.0m	Abbey	230	-6	..	..	..
255.8m	Amec	397	+7	17.8	4.5	11.5
63.9m	Anglia Sec	426	-2	2.7	0.6	25.1
51.0m	Anglo Utd	41	-1	1.4	3.4	75.9
5,900,000	Arncliffe	118	+3	4.3	3.6	7.4
187.4m	Atlwoods	290	+8	8.9	3.1	16.5
1,140.5m	BPB Ind (aa)	280	-3	9.6	3.4	12.1
63.0m	Baggeridge Brick	315	+30	4.5	1.4	22.2
3,553,000	Bailey (Ben) Constr	68	●-1	1.9	2.8	14.1
335.2m	Barratt Devs	188	●-1	12.6	6.7	12.3
60.7m	Bellway	240	-1	11.0	4.6	17.8
33.5m	Beliwinch	108	..	2.9	2.7	9.7
152.3m	Berkeley Gp	364	..	3.6	1.0	21.1
15.0m	Bett Bros	100	..	4.8	4.8	23.0
45.0m	Blockleys	375	-6	8.9	2.4	20.4
1,137.3m	Blue Circle (aa)	440	-1	20.6	4.7	9.2
28.0m	Breedon PLC	230	r -10	8.7	3.8	24.4
22.2m	Br Dredging	129	+10	6.9	5.3	17.8
12.1m	Brown & Jackson	37	-½	0.1	0.3	21.8
280.3m	Bryant	140	-3	4.4	3.1	19.6
0,132.0m	Burnett & Hallam	9	s -⅛	..	..	1.0
311.0m	CRH	110	●-5	..	..	..
5,775,000	Calebread Robey	110	..	5.2	4.7	13.8
171.4m	Caradon	319	+20	10.3b	3.2	18.5
107.1m	Church Charles	124	+4	1.4	1.1	13.5
24.9m	Conder Grp	303	+10	6.2	2.0	34.2
7,485,000	Copson PLC	129	-6	2.4	1.9	70.5
530.4m	Costain	318	-2	13.2	4.2	12.4
110.1m	Countryside	305	+12	2.6	0.8	15.0
170.5m	Crest Nicholson	227	+1	7.8	3.4	11.4
11.3m	Crosby James	103	●+10	2.4	2.3	..
42.1m	Douglas (RM)	278	-3	4.3b	1.5	21.8
36.8m	Erith	95	● ..	4.1	4.3	12.8
27.1m	Federated Hsg	295	●+6	6.8	2.3	10.8
19.2m	Finlan Gp	75	..	6.2b	8.3	11.3
40.9m	Galliford	61	-1	3.8	6.2	13.6
4,002,000	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	230	● ..	3.6	1.6	30.3

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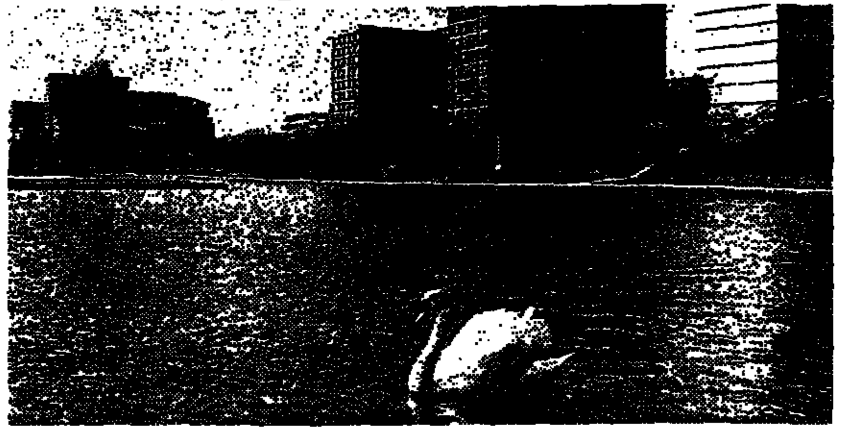
HORIZONS

A guide to career choice

Boom time in young town

In an occasional series on job opportunities in Britain's towns, BERYL DIXON today looks at expanding Basingstoke



View of the Dallas-like skyline of Basingstoke from Eastrop Park

When W.S. Gilbert wrote in *Ruddigore* of "some word that teems with hidden meaning, like Basingstoke . . .," he was presumably thinking of the Hampshire market town with a history dating back to Domesday. What would he make of the present-day Basingstoke, with its towering office blocks, which have given rise to such nicknames as "Dallas of the South-east"?

It's fashionable to knock Basingstoke. Column inches have been devoted to describing it as a blot on the Hampshire landscape and to tales of motorists driving desperately round the ring road, unable to locate the town centre.

Certainly, its kindest friends couldn't call it *beautiful*, but it is a boom town for employment and a lot of people have seen advantages in taking jobs there and moving with their families out of London. The town had a population of 26,000 in 1951. By 1971 this figure had doubled. In 1981 it stood at 71,000. The projected population for 1991 is 75,800.

Expansion has not ended. The council still has land available for industrial development, and a chief estates surveyor is busily promoting it. New jobs will be created and there are plans for more houses on the outskirts.

And the companies keep coming. The reasons are not hard to find. Property prices and rents are high but nowhere near as high as in London, only 50 miles away. The M3 passes the town; there is easy access to both M4 and M25; rail links are good and Heathrow, Gatwick and Southampton airports and docks are within easy reach.

One recent newcomer to Basingstoke is Sun Life of Canada, which in mid-1987 transferred its UK head office and 500 staff there from its Trafalgar Square premises into an £18 million new building, after surveying more than 40 towns and cities. "The town provided the most attractive site in an area with good communication — a bonus for us with our international connections," says the manager, Maurice Bates, who is also vice-president and assistant general manager.

The main employment areas are high technology and administrative/clerical work, but more traditional manufacturing industries still exist. The town has attracted companies such as Sony Broadcast, Digital and IBM, the latter having taken over as the main employer from the long-established fork lift truck manufacturer Lansing Bagnall; while Sun Life, Provident Life and the AA vie with the Civil Service Commission as major providers of clerical work. Clerical work is particularly buoyant, reflected in an increased demand for part-time training courses at the local technical college.

There is a significant number of American-based companies in the town, while several international companies have their European or UK headquarters there: among them, Monsanto, BOCM Silcock and the paper merchants Wiggins Teape.

Electronics is healthy. Basingstoke is on the periphery of the Thames Valley. Smiths Industries, a long-established major employer, has been joined by large names like Racal and a host of smaller ones, based in various industrial and business parks. There is no shortage of scientific work, pharmaceutical companies being represented by Lilley and Boots, with Oxoid engaging in the manufacture of biological culture media.

Retailing is well represented, although with the exception of Owen Owen, no department stores have moved into the pedestrianised town centre.

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In its shopping malls C&A, Marks& Spencer and Littlewoods all have outlets.

Self-employment booms here too. "There are some interesting little high-tech industrial parks on the outskirts", says Andy Higgs, the borough council's publicity officer, "where we have built shells subdivided into small units. An individual or small firm can start there, then as they expand we can knock a wall down and increase their space."

Further starter units house a number of people starting their own businesses with the help of the Enterprise Allowance scheme, in anything from catering businesses to picture framing.

Young people do not miss out either. Prospects for school leavers are very good, according to Jonah Watts, Area Careers Adviser. Unemployment among the under-18s is at its lowest for a decade — fewer than 100.

In a town where 45per cent of young people stay in full-time education beyond the age of 16, opportunities for those leaving at the minimum age are in good supply, particularly in clerical work. Mr Watts' projections show that the school leaver population will drop by 1992 to 77.5 per cent of the 1988 level, making their job prospects even better.

If any kind of employment is lacking, it is in the service sector. Restaurants do not abound; there are few hotels, although there are plans to build more, and a large leisure centre is due to open soon. But overall, a wide range of jobs is available, and in plenty, demonstrated by the fact that the Job Centre currently has 1,300 vacancies, and staff there estimate that only about one third are notified to them. There are more than 30 private recruitment agencies in the town — all in business — although a cynical view is that many are recycling the same vacancies. Job hopping in some areas is quite common.

Some employers are undoubtedly victims of the town's success. Basingstoke shares the second lowest unemployment rate in the country (after Crawley) with its even more prosperous neighbour Winchester. With this standing at 3.3 per cent, firms unable to offer high salaries are experiencing recruitment difficulties.

Two manufacturing companies have recently moved out. Remedies are being sought. Large companies are offering good packages and incentive schemes and many are extending the London fringe allowance to include Basingstoke.

The public sector with fixed pay scales is in trouble, with the result that local government is having to offer mortgage subsidies and health insurance in order to compete. An initiative pioneered by the district hospital to attract staff from further afield — psychiatric nurses have been recruited from Skelmersdale — is being closely monitored, with a view to trying this approach in other shortage areas.

FRAMLINGHAM COLLEGE
HEAD

The Governors invite applications for the Headship of Framlingham College, which will become vacant on 1st September, 1989 through the retirement of Mr L. I. Rimmer, M.A. who has been Headmaster since September, 1971.

Details of the post may be obtained from

Mr. N. K. D. Ward, B.Sc.,
The Clerk to the Governors,
Framlingham College,
Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 9EY

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Further particulars and application forms from The Personnel Office, The University, Regent Walk, Aberdeen AB9 1FX (tel 0224 273580) to whom applications (2 copies) should be returned by 27 May 1988. (*Ref WD/091*)

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EDUCATIONAL

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Applications are invited for the post of Vice-Director of The Royal College of Music from 1 January 1989, joining, if possible, this autumn. The Vice-Director / Director of Studies is responsible to the Director for the academic work of the College, and in the absence of the Director deputises for him.

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The closing date for applications is 31 May 1988.

Further particulars may be obtained from

The Secretary to the University,
63 South Bridge, Edinburgh EH8 9YL,

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Further details and application forms can be *obtained from the Director of Administration* (Mr G. Derbyshire) at the School. Tel: 01-628 2571. Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Silk Street, Barbican, London *EC2Y 8DT.*

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Telephone 0272 424328

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THE UNIVERSITY OF HULL
ACADEMIC REGISTRAR

Applications are invited from graduates or persons with professional qualifications for the post of Academic Registrar in the office of the Registrar and Secretary. Candidates should have relevant experience preferably gained, at least in part, in higher education. It is hoped that the successful candidate will take up appointment by 1 October 1988.

The initial salary will be not less than £23,380 per annum on Administrative Staff Grade 6.

Applications (10 copies) giving details of education, qualifications and experience, together with the names of three referees should be lodged by 23 May 1988 with **the Registrar and Secretary (Personnel Office), University of Hull, Hull, HU6 7RX** from whom further particulars may be obtained. **(Tel: 0482 465270).**

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Further particulars and application forms (2 copies) may be obtained from the Personnel Office, University College of Swansea, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP, to which office they should be returned by ***Monday, 16th May, 1988.***

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Since, alternatively, the appointment may be made by invitation, Sir John Ellis, the Chairman of Council, would welcome the communication to him in confidence at the Institute of the names of any persons thought suitable for the post.

The closing date for the receipt of applications which should be addressed to the Chairman of Council is 1 July 1988.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE & HUMANITIES
LECTURESHIP IN ECONOMICS

Applications are invited for the above post which will involve teaching and research in International Economics. A knowledge of International Finance is desirable. the person appointed will be expected to teach on the undergraduate degree courses in Economics, Economics and Accountancy and other joint degree courses and to contribute to the research programme of the recently established Industrial and Labour Economics Research Unit. There are also opportunites to participate in course development at post-graduate level.

The appointment will be for five years in the first instance. Salary will be on the lecturer scale, either Grade A £10,710 to £15,950 or Grade B £16,555 to £20, 760 p.a. inclusive of London Allowance.

Further details and an application form are available from

The Academic Registrar's Department,
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Telephone
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Closing date for application 23rd May 1988.

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RUGBY UNION: HARD GRAFT COMES TO NOTHING FOR IRELAND AS BOTH SIDES' ERRORS MAKE FOR A WORKADAY AFTERNOON IN THE MILLENIUM MATCH

English call time on the party

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
Dublin

Ireland	10
England	21

Some parties have a life of their own, when the mood and the atmosphere seem to be effortlessly right. At others the small talk is summoned up, the wine is splashed around *and still it is hard* work enjoying the occasion.

Dublin's millenium match at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, *sponsored by Digital*, was of the second variety. The crowd of over 40,000 turned up, the players worked hard but the essential ingredients, *of timing and finishing*, were absent, blown away on a strong, cold breeze which made passing hazardous.

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England won, by two goals and three penalty goals to a goal and a try; it is eight years since they last strung together *three* successive international wins so to that extent they will leave for Australia next month much heartened. But at one point they were leading only 6-0 after a first half in which they had the wind and played nearly all the game in the Irish half, *much of it* in the Irish 22.

Underwood's try, in the sixth minute of injury-time, made the interval score 12-0 when it should have been at least 20-0. Nor is this to denigrate Ireland's defence, notably that of Cunningham; *but* players were marginally out of position, held on a fraction too long or passed too early, little elements of skill which, if absent, make for only a workaday afternoon.

The outstanding player of the match, appropriately on an Irish occasion, was McCoy, who marked his return to the national team with a driving, non-stop game. Smith, the debutant hooker, also enjoyed himself with a try and a heel against the head and Aherne looked a player of promise at scrum half

In the third quarter, England got themselves into such a mess that Ireland, now with the wind, looked as though they might provide an upset. The visitors opened the second half with only 14 men, Skinner having left the field for treatment to his nose, broken in the first minute of the game by a punch.

Immediately he returned, Rendall went off with a torn calf muscle. As England collected themselves during the next 10 minutes, Smith wrestled his way clear to score at the posts and MacNeill scored a controversial try at the corner — controversial because Halliday hurled him into the cornerflag at the same time.

That brought the score back to 15-10 but Harding, diving into the legs of the Irish pack as they heeled across their own line, gave England a more comfortable margin. Orwin, England's captain, admitted that the Irish pack was much tighter than in the 35-3 drubbing at Twickenham five weeks earlier and England shaded the lineouts 19-17, delivering some good first-touch ball to Harding, much of it from Egerton, whose international career began promisingly.

But the understanding in midfield was limited and Bentley, though he concentrated hard, still looks out of place on a wing. At least Underwood's try was worth the waiting: it stemmed from Halliday's ability to win tackle ball (in this case after Mullin had been grounded) and Andrew's perceptive pass to his Yorkshire colleague standing in so much space that he was able to storm past John Sexton on the outside and run in from 50 metres.

For all that, the essential bolster was Webb's kicking. He missed only one of six place kicks, was excellent under the high ball and is developing into a fine international full back.

SCORERS: Ireland: Tries: Smith, MacNeill. Conversion: Kiernan. England: Tries: Underwood, Harding. Conversions: Webb (2). Penalties: Webb (3).
IRELAND: H P MacNeill (London Irish); J F Sexton (Dublin University), V J G Cunningham (St Mary's College), B J Mullin (Oxford University), M J Kiernan (Dolphin); P M Dean (St Mary's College), L F P Aherne (Dolphin); T P J Clancy (Lansdowne), S J Smith (Ballymena), J J McCoy (Bangor), P M Matthews (Wanderers), D G Lenihan (Cork Constitution, capt), W A Anderson (Dungannon), W Sexton (Garryowen), M E Gibson (London Irish).
ENGLAND: J M Webb (Bristol); J Bentley (Sale), S J Halliday (Bath), W D C Carling (Harlequins), R Underwood (Leicester); C R Andrew (Wasps), R M Harding (Bristol); P A G Rendall (Wasps) (rep: G J Chilcott, Bath), B C Moore (Nottingham), J A Probyn (Wasps), M G Skinner (Harlequins), J Orwin (Bedford, capt), W A Dooley (Fylde), G W Rees (Nottingham), D Egerton (Bath).
Referee: R Hourquet (Fr).

Taking a dive: Bentley (right) and Halliday lead the charge as England close in on the Irish line on Saturday

Ripley gives a fond farewell

Andy Ripley, the former England forward, marked his St George's Day first-class retirement with a thumbs-up.

The former British Lion, who gained *24 England* caps, was in the Rosslyn Park side that lost 38-22 to Cardiff. After nearly 20 years with the London club, Ripley, aged 40, also played in the East Grinstead Sevens yesterday. The Arms Park crowd gave a special cheer to Ripley, whose talent was first spotted at East Anglia University by Haydn Morris in 1966.

French relish tight play from Colts

By Michael Stevenson

England Colts	15
France Juniors	24

A crucial error of judgement cost England Colts their unbeaten record, against France Juniors at Bristol on Saturday. England, much the better side initially, possessed such clear superiority on both wings that their tactical thinking should have centred on this fact.

Instead, some clever but often unproductive running at centre and too many back-row moves close to the set pieces furthered France's cause, until they ended strongly to win by two goals, two dropped goals and two penalties to three tries and a penalty.

England, full of youthful talent, were soaking up pressure throughout the second half, despite their 11-3 half-time lead.

A storming run down the right wing by Essien set up England's first try. He was well tackled by Duces, but Back, a magnificant flanker, got the pick up and Lamb scored. After Duces and Kilford swapped penalties, England's interval lead came from a try by Thorneycroft.

Thereafter the game slipped inexorably away from England. Penaud jinked in under the post. Mentières scored a second try; Duces converted both and added a penalty and Penaud kicked two dropped goals, one via crossbar and upright, though England came back with a try in injury time by Knight.

SCORERS: England: Tries: Thorneycroft, Lamb, Knight. Penalty: Kilford. France: Tries: Penaud, Mentières. Dropped goals: Penaud (2). Conversions: Duces (2). Penalties: Duces (2).
ENGLAND COLTS: W Kilford (Mansfield); D Essien (Taunton), G Harrison (Wharfedale), G Thompson (Rosslyn Park), H Thorneycroft (Northampton); J Hoad (Rosslyn Park, capt), J Knight (Bath); R Hardwick (Barkers Butts), J Aldwinckle, (Leicester), P Walton (Alnwick), A Challinor (Dinnington), M Poole (Leicester (rep: N Ashurst), A Reed (Camborne), N Back (Barkers Butts), H Lamb (Wasps, rep: L Rick).
FRANCE JUNIORS: T Duces (Auch); D Fleck (Agen), M Marfaing (Pamiers), S Durand (Narbonne), D Berty (Toulouse); A Penaud (Brive), J Cazalbou (Toulouse); A Racine (capt, La Seyne), P Laurent (Vichy), S Bequer (Lavelanet), S Filali (Brive), T Mentières (Pau), F Latil (Cognac), O Noinnis (Toulouse), C Juillet (Bergerac).
Referee: W D Bevan (Welsh RFU).

Question of backs pulls down Gloucester

By Gerald Davies

Llanelli	60
Gloucester	12

It was a frustrating and, in the end, thoroughly dispiriting afternoon for Gloucester. The significant margin of defeat reflected, in the main, the difference of the two sets of backs. For the most part, even when all hope of containing the score to reasonable proportions had gone, the Gloucester forwards had as good a share of the exchanges as Llanelli.

They were well matched. Ashmead, Stanley and, especially, Teague were as much in evidence as their counterparts. But once the ball emerged, the touch play and running of the home back division was of a different league altogether from those of the West Country players. And that is what mattered.

The early good work had been done by the visitors, with Cummins breaking after a strong burst by Breeze, only to be bundled in at the corner. Llanelli took a quick, long throw-in to Davies (Jonathan) who passed to Davies (Nigel) who set Davies (Carwyn) free. Breeze had barely had time to dust himself down and recover before looking up to see a try being scored at the other end.

For long periods the visitors' forwards must have despaired at the poor handling that went on behind them. Whereas Llanelli, *with their variety of* Davieses, were in mesmerizing mood and whether it was Griffiths, Evans, Bowling or Stephens, no one quite knew where the next sidestep was coming from. And there were quite a lot on view.

The six first-half tries were scored by Gary Jones, Evans, *Carwyn Davies* (2), *Nigel Davies* and Griffiths. With Jonathan Davies converting four of these, Gloucester were already well adrift by the interval.

Carwyn Davies started the ball rolling in the second half to get his third try and also added another one later on. The others came from Gary Jones, Jonathan Davies and Bowling, with Jonathan Davies converting four of them. Hamlin scored *both of Gloucester's tries late in* the game, and Mansell added the extra points each time.

SCORERS: Llanelli: Tries: C Davies (4), G Jones (2), J Griffiths, J Davies, S Bowling, I Evans, N Davies. Conversions: J Davies (8). Gloucester: Tries: M Hamlin (2). Conversions: P Mansell.
LLANELLI: S Bowling; I Evans, N Davies, C Stephens, C Davies; J Davies, J Griffiths; R Evans, D Fox, L Delaney, G Jones, *P May, R Cornelius, M Perego*, E Jones.
GLOUCESTER: P Mansell; N Price, D Cummins, A Kitchen, J Breeze; M Hamlin, L Gardner; M Preedy, K Dunn, R Phillips, P Ashmead, N Scrivens, J Etheridge, A Stanley, M Teague.
Referee: C Norling (Birchgrove).

Everything in the garden looks rosy for Wasps

By Peter Dixon

Wasps	23
Orrell	15

The end of term is usually a time for reflection — reflecting on what might have been, while considering what lies ahead. For Wasps, who secured second place in the Courage Clubs Championship with a hard-fought victory over Orrell, their end-of-term report is likely to be fairly favourable.

Undoubtedly they could do better; next season they could win the title. Sixteen victories out of 19 home games is an impressive record in anyone's books, but that one of those three defeats was to Harlequins in the semi-final of the John *Player Special Cup is* particularly galling to this ambitious club. Runners-up last year, they would have relished a return to Twickenham and a chance to make amends.

In contrast all is not so rosy for Orrell, who are still not guaranteed a place in the first *division next season.*

Yet if confidence is the key to success, then the future certainly looks bright for Wasps. With a fast, skilful set of backs packed with internationals and an uncompromising, mobile pack, they are always likely to be dangerous on the break. That *was never better illustrated than* when Bailey gave them the lead for the first time with a classic Wasps' try five minutes from time.

With a breakaway from within their own half involving Pegler, Rigby, Pinnegar and Simmons, Wasps drove towards their opponents' line. With Orrell's defence sucked in, the ball was eventually sent wide along the backs for Bailey to score unopposed.

Playing with a strong wind in the first half, Orrell built up a 15-3 lead, Ainscough scoring the game's first try right on half-time to add to his two penalty goals. Langford converted the try and added another penalty, Stringer replying with a one for Wasps.

In the second half the hosts chipped away at Orrell's lead, Stringer adding four penalty goals to bring his side level before Bailey scored his try and Rose added another for good measure.

SCORERS: Wasps: Tries: Bailey, Rose. Penalties: Stringer (5). Orrell: Try: Ainscough. Conversion: Langford. Penalties: Ainscough (2), Langford.
WASPS: N Stringer; S Smith, K Simms (rep: A Tupman), R Lozowski, M Bailey; B Hume, A Kardooni; M Brooks, A Simmons, M McCormack, M Rigby, C Pinnegar, S O'Leary, D Pegler, M Rose.
ORRELL: S Langford; P Halsall, D Fell, J Gilfillan, S Taberner; G Ainscough, C Wright; D O'Brien, N Hitchen, D Southern, D Cleary, R Kimmins, M Jackson, A Pegg, P Manley.
Referee: B Abrahams (East Midland).

Coventry prepare for great escape

By Gordon Allan

Coventry	25
Bristol	3

This is going to be a long week for Coventry. They play Orrell at Coundon Road next Saturday when victory will be the minimum requirement if they are to avoid relegation from the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship. Whether they can do it is debateable after the way they fumbled and stumbled against Bristol's reserves — Bristol United in all but name

The score looks impressive — three goals, a try and a penalty goal to a penalty — but conceals the fact that for long spells Bristol's defence was good enough to keep Coventry out.

Potter fielded and kicked well, Thomas beavered away around the scrum, and Suckling was on the ball in every sense. Bristol kicked a lot, which got them nowhere. In the circumstances they might have been better running at Coventry. In the second half they lost Tainton with a leg injury and Raikes went to stand-off.

Thomas helped Hall score the first try. Graham got the second without a Bristol defender in sight. The third try was begun by Gulliver, carried on by Graham, Parton and Johnson and rounded off by Thomas. Graham gave the scoring pass to Parton for the fourth try. Potter, besides three conversions, kicked a 55-metre penalty for some rough stuff involving Adams — not the only such incident in the match.

By mutual consent Coventry have cancelled their game with Saracens on Wednesday when, with Orrell in mind, they would have felt obliged to field their second team.

SCORERS: Coventry: Tries: Hall, Graham, Thomas, Parton. Conversions: Potter (3). Penalty: Potter. Bristol: Penalty: Tainton.
COVENTRY: I Potter; A Parton, M Fairn, J Graham, S Hall; M Lakey, S Thomas; L Johnson, A Farrington, S Wilkes, P Suckling, A Gulliver, R Mannix, S Wright, R Travers.
BRISTOL: N Raikes; D Woodman, J Watson, K Wyles, S Green; M Tainton (rep: P Lander), P Jeffery; A Sharp, K Bogira, P Smith, P Polledri, M Skuse, P Adams, D Eves, G Crane.
Referee: B Riley (Liverpool).

Scots Law Report April 25 1988 **Inner House 2**

Crown fails to establish case against publication

Lord Advocate v Scotsman Publications and Others

Before the Lord Justice Clerk (Lord Ross), Lord Dunpark and Lord McDonald

[Judgment April 8]

The Lord Advocate was not entitled to interim interdict against the proprietors and editors of *The Scotsman* newspaper, Scotsman Publications, Scottish Television plc and the publishers of *The Glasgow Herald* newspaper, George Outram & Co Ltd, to prevent them from publishing material contained in the book *Inside Intelligence* by Anthony Cavendish.

The Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held in refusing the Crown's reclaiming motion and upholding the Lord Ordinary's interlocutor of February 23 (*The Times* March 9).

Mr J. A. Cameron, QC and Mr N. F. Davidson for the Lord Advocate; Mr W. A. Nimmo Smith, QC and Sir J. A. Peoples for *The Scotsman*; Lord Morton of Shuna, QC and Sir Crispin Agnew for Scottish Television; Mr J. L. Mitchell, QC and Mr D. G. Monaghan for George Outram.

THE LORD JUSTICE CLERK said that the legal basis on which the interdict was sought was set forth in the first plea-in-law in the petition which stated: "The petitioner being reasonably apprehensive that the respondents will publish, disclose and distribute confidential information to the prejudice of the Crown interdict should be pronounced as craved".

The question which arose in the present process was as to the Crown's rights to seek interdict against a third party who had obtained information from Mr Cavendish's book. It was contended that national security would be endangered if the duty of confidence by former employees of the Intelligence Services was broached.

A distinction was drawn between the case where national security was endangered by the disclosure of the contents of a book and a "non-contents detriment case". The present case was a non-contents detriment case in that it was not the information in the book, but the fact of publication by a former member of the secret services which *constituted the threat of* national security.

It was not clear that that distinction had been fully explained to the Lord Ordinary. The greater part of his opinion was concerned with the publication of confidential information and therefore appeared to be directed at a case based *on* disclosure of the contents of the book.

What had weighed principally with the Lord Ordinary was that publication of the material information had already taken place. He had not directed his attention to a non-contents detriment case.

The Crown's claim to be entitled to interim interdict in the interests of national security was based on four propositions:

1 It was in the public interest to maintain the principle that former employees of the Intelligence Services were under a lifelong obligation of confidence which prevented them from disclosing information obtained in the course of their employment, otherwise the Intelligence Services would be undermined.

2 Without the maintenance of that principle and the prevention of breaches of it, the Intelligence Services would be damaged.

3 Damage to the Intelligence Services, who were charged with the protection of the State, was damage to national security.

4 The mass circulation of information disclosed in breach of the obligation of confidence *injured the public interest* in the maintenance of the principle.

The Lord Advocate's primary argument therefore was based on public policy. Having regard to the terms of those propositions, and in particular the reference to the consequence of mass circulation of information, the propositions appeared to be related to a contents case.

The Lord Ordinary had relied upon the decision of Mr Justice Scott in *Attorney General v The Observer Ltd and Others*; *Attorney General v Times Newspapers Ltd and Another* (*The Times* December 22, 1987) and the opinions of the Court of Appeal (*The Times* February 11, 1988) in that case. That case concerned the book *Spycatcher*. The *Spycatcher* case was more than a non-contents detriment case and raised the issue of the disclosure of the contents of the book.

The Lord Ordinary was not justified in relying as strongly as he did upon the judgements in the *Spycatcher* case. He appeared to have refused interim interdict on the ground that the book had been sufficiently distributed to make it probable that any interested power was already familiar with its contents, and that therefore it was impossible to see that there was any reasonable risk of further *damage accruing* which could be prevented by the grant of interim interdict.

The Lord Ordinary should have approached the matter in accordance with the practice of the court as referred to by Lord Fraser in *NWL Limited v Woods* ([1979] 1 WLR 1294) *and considered* in *Toynar Ltd in Receivership* (1988 SCLR 35).

The proper approach was for the Lord Ordinary to consider whether the petitioners had made out a *prima facie* case; the issue would then be whether there was a case to argue and a case to answer. If there was, the next stage would be to consider the balance of convenience.

Before the Lord Ordinary, the argument had appeared to be that the *petitioner's case* depended upon a duty of confidentiality, although the Lord Ordinary had recognized that the Lord Advocate was founding on considerations of *public policy*.

Before the present court the Lord Advocate had put public policy at the forefront of his *submissions. Where a lifelong* duty of confidentiality was owed to the Crown by Mr Cavendish, it was public policy which restrained anyone who aided or abetted him and any third party who received information from him in the knowledge that he was under such a lifelong obligation *of confidentiality*.

If the Lord Advocate had been able to say that the disclosure of the information by the respondents would endanger national security the court would, because of public policy considerations, have the power to stop such disclosures or publications.

However, it was one thing to recognize the court's power in such a case and another to suggest that the court had power on the ground of public policy to stop the publication of the book where it was accepted that the contents of the book presented no danger to national security.

The English authorities cited did not suggest that considerations of public policy justified the court in granting a remedy in a non-contents detriment case.

Before the Lord Ordinary, the Lord Advocate's case was treated as being based on a breach of confidence. No problem arose when the issue arose between the person under the duty and the person to whom the duty was owed. A different situation arose where the confidential information had been communicated to a third party who knew that the information was confidential.

It was important to bear in *mind in the present case* that the respondents were third parties who had come into possession of the information with the knowledge that it had originally been communicated in confidence.

Under the law of Scotland, the person to whom the duty of confidence was owed would have a right to protect confidentiality against third parties in such circumstances. Sufficient *dicta* in Scottish cases existed to support that conclusion.

The court in Scotland administered an equitable as well as a common-law jurisdiction. There was ample justification for the conclusion that in that respect the laws of England and Scotland were to the same effect.

The Lord Ordinary had reached his conclusion upon the case largely upon the view that the third-party recipient of confidential *information* was under no obligation to refrain from publishing unless the information had not already been published.

Confidential did not, however, merely mean "secret". In this branch of the law, the term "confidential" related to information which was the subject of an obligation of confidence.

Such an obligation did not end merely because the information had become known to a third party. The disclosure of information in breach of confidence did not bring to an end the obligation of confidence, *otherwise no action based on* breach of confidence would ever lie.

The Lord Ordinary had failed to appreciate that whether publication had destroyed all secrecy and the obligation of confidence itself depended upon the extent of the publication.

There was all the difference in the world between the *Spycatcher* case where about a million copies of the book had been published and distributed and the present case where such publication as had taken place was clearly limited. Only a limited part of the public had had access to the book.

The present case for the Lord Advocate was presented as a non-contents detriment case, although parts of the petition suggested that objection was being taken to the contents of what might be published. It appeared from the petition that the Crown were now agreeable to publication of approximately two-thirds of the book though seeking to prohibit the remaining *third*.

That suggested a contents case. If the fact of the publication was argued to be harmful to national security then, logically, the Crown would have been expected to seek to prevent publication of the whole book.

The averments had to be examined to see if a *prima facie* case was set forth. There was no onus on the respondents to justify their publishing the contents of the book.

The Lord Advocate had averred that disclosure of the information sought to be prohibited would be prejudicial to Crown interests and national security for the following reasons:

(a) the secret services of friendly foreign countries would lose confidence in their British counterparts' ability to protect classified information;

(b) the British secret services depended upon the confidence and co-operation of others whose confidence would be likely to be damaged should Mr Cavendish reveal classified information;

(c) other persons presently, or previously, employed by the British secret services and having access to such information might seek to publish it;

(d) such disclosures would be likely to affect adversely the morale and discipline of members of the British secret service;

(e) in the absence of interdict, pressure would be exerted on other members or former members of the British secret services by the media to give their views on matters referred to by Mr Cavendish; and

(f) detriment would be likely to flow from the publication of information about the *methodology, personnel and* organization of the British secret service.

The Lord Advocate had failed to make out *a prima facie* case. Heads (a) to (f) might have been relevant if the present case had been a contents case as they were all expressed as being referable to information, that is, the contents of the book.

Heads (a), (b), (c) and (d) were untenable unless it was being asserted that the book contained classified information. That was not averred and in the context of a non-contents case could not arise.

Head (e) referred to the contents of the book and therefore could not be material in a non-contents case.

What appeared to lie behind (a) to (e) was that if Mr Cavendish were allowed to publish his memoirs there would be a loss of confidence in the British secret service and the risk of further disclosures. It was now widely known that he had made such disclosures and therefore the anticipated results must have already occurred. Consequently, the loss of confidence and reduction in morale referred to could not be averted by an order of the court.

Paragraphs (a) to (e) might have been convincing considerations if the interdict had been sought before any publication or disclosure by Mr Cavendish had taken place. Granting it now would be closing the proverbial stable door after the horse had bolted.

Under reference to (c) and (d) it was to be doubted whether the court would be justified in granting interdict if the interdict's purpose was not to stop a wrong but to deter others and maintain morale.

Head (f) would only be relevant in the context of a contents case.

The Crown had accepted that the stage of seeking permanent interdict they would be in no better position than they were at present. They did not suggest that the position might be materially altered by further adjustments of the pleadings.

The Lord Ordinary and the present court were entitled to reach the conclusion that the heads relied on by the Crown were irrelevant.

Lord Dunpark and Lord McDonald delivered concurring opinions.

Solicitors: Mr R. Brodie; Dundas & Wilson CS; John G. Gray & Co SSC; Haig Scott & Co WS.

Law Report April 25 1988 **House of Lords**

Innocent buyer of stolen car does not obtain good title as against owner

National Employers Mutual General Insurance Association Ltd v Jones

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Lowry, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths and Lord Goff of Chieveley

[Speeches April 21]

Upon a disposition of goods by a buyer obtaining possession, section 9 of the Factors Act 1889 did not operate to confer a title to the goods which overrode the title of an owner from whom the goods had been stolen, the owner not having consented to the thief's possession.

The House of Lords so held in upholding the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice May and Lord Justice Croom-Johnson; Sir Denys Buckley dissenting) (*The Times* April 6, 1987; [1987] 3 WLR 901) dismissing an appeal by the appellant, Mr R. W. Jones, against the order of Judge ap Robert giving judgment to the respondents, National Employers Mutual General Insurance Association *Ltd, for £2,650 as the value of a* Ford Fiesta car.

The car, owned by Miss Celia Hopkin, had been stolen and, having passed through several car dealers, had been purportedly purchased by Mr Jones from a car dealer. The respondents, Miss Hopkin's insurers, had bought out her interest after the theft. Mr Jones had refused to return the car to them.

Section 9 of the 1889 Act (and section 25(1) of the Sale of Goods Act 1979) provides: "Where a person, having bought or agreed to buy goods, obtains with the consent of the seller possession of the goods . . . the delivery or transfer, by that person or by a mercantile agent acting for him, of the goods . . . under any sale, pledge or other disposition thereof . . . to any person receiving the same in good faith and without notice of *any lien or other right of the* original seller in respect of the goods, shall have the same effect as if the person making the delivery or transfer were a mercantile agent in possession of the goods . . . with the consent of the owner."

Mr John Leighton Williams, QC and Mr Roger Garfield for the appellant; Mr Vernon Pugh, QC, Mr John Jenkins and Mr Mark Hill for the respondents.

LORD GOFF said that the appeal raised a short, but nevertheless important, point of construction of two parallel statutory provisions, section 9 of the 1889 Act and section 25(1) of the 1979 Act, formerly section 25(2) of the Sale of Goods Act 1893. For convenience he would refer to section 9.

The thieves had sold the car to a man called Lacey, who sold the car to a man called Thomas, who sold the car to Autochoice (Bridgend) Ltd, who sold it to Mid-Glamorgan Motors Ltd, who had sold it to the appellant.

The argument of the appellant was that Mid-Glamorgan Motors Ltd bought the car from Autochoice (Bridgend) Ltd, who gave possession of it to them; and that Mid-Glamorgan Motors Ltd then delivered the car to the appellant under a sale, and *the appellant had received the* same in good faith without notice of any lien or other right of the original seller in respect of the goods.

Accordingly, by virtue of section 9, such delivery should have the effect as if Mid-Glamorgan were a mercantile agent in possession of the goods with the consent of the owner, that is, (see section 2(1)) such sale should be as valid as if Mid-*Glamorgan were expressly* authorized by the owner to make the sale.

It followed, the appellant submitted, that he acquired a good title to the car. That was the argument which had found favour with Sir Denys Buckley, but was rejected by the judge in the county court and by the majority of the Court of Appeal.

Section 2 of the Act was concerned to provide for the validity of sales, pledges and other dispositions of goods by mercantile agents who were, "with the consent of the owner", in possession of the goods or of documents of title to the goods; such transactions, it was provided, should be as valid as if the mercantile agents were expressly authorized "by the owner of the goods to make the same".

Plainly, the owner of goods there referred to was the owner with whose consent the agent was in possession of them.

The section could not be read as having the effect of adversely affecting the title of any person, other than the person who had entrusted the goods to the *mercantile agents; it could not* adversely affect the title of one from whom the goods had been stolen, whose goods had come into possession of the mercantile agent from the thief, or from a person deriving title from the thief.

The policy underlying that section was wholly consistent with the policy underlying the earlier Factors Acts.

Coming to sections 8 and 9 of the 1889 Act, they went slightly further than sections 3 and 4 of the Factors Act 1877 in that they took effect not only when the relevant person was allowed to be in possession of the documents of title to the goods, but also when he was allowed to be in possession of the goods themselves.

It was relevant to observe that, whereas the statutory hypothesis at the end of sections 3 and 4 of the 1877 Act referred *to the transaction taking effect* as if the person making the delivery or transfer was a person entrusted by the vendee with the goods or documents, or entrusted by the vendor with the documents, as the case might be, one now saw, in sections 8 and 9, a different phraseology, referring *not to the vendee or the* vendor, but just to the "owner of the goods" or "the owner".

It was upon the slender foundation of that change in phraseology that the appellant had sought to build his argument that section 9 had the *effect of adversely affecting the* title, not only of a person who had allowed another person to be in possession of the relevant goods or documents, but also of anybody from whom the goods had been stolen, and whose goods had come into the possession of another who sold them.

For section 8 to have had any such effect would constitute a change in policy of a fundamental kind, of which there was no evidence whatsoever in the remainder of the 1889 Act.

The submission advanced by the appellant could not be sustained. Section 9 was to be read as providing that the delivery or transfer given by the *intermediate transferor should* have the same effect as if he was a mercantile agent in possession of the goods or documents of title with the consent of the owner who entrusted them to him.

Such a construction was to be derived from the terms of section 2(1) of the 1889 Act, to which section 9 evidently referred, and also from the legislative context [which his *Lordship* had considered in detail]. The same construction had, of course, to be placed upon section 25(1) of the Sale of Goods Act 1979.

Lord Bridge, Lord Lowry, Lord Brandon and Lord Griffiths agreed.

Solicitors: Kenwright & Cox for Randalls, Bridgend; Church Adams Tatham & Co for Dolmans, Cardiff.

GOLF

Spanish armada is scuppered as Cooper sails home

From John Hennessy
Madrid

It was a scene faintly reminiscent of Drake on his bowling green all those years ago. Derrick Cooper, a club professional from Warrington, was on a different kind of green, calmly practising with his putter at Puerta de Hierro, as a flotilla of Spaniards accompanied two compatriots down the 601 yards of the 18th fairway.

Manuel Piñero and Miguel Martín both needed a birdie to equal Cooper's total of 275, 13 under par, and so force a play-off in the Cepsa Madrid Open championship. Both got to within 130 yards or so. Piñero's third ran 25 feet past but Martín encouraged Spanish hopes with a fine shot to 12 feet.

Piñero missed and it was left to Martín to save national pride. "It was a nasty, curly putt," Cooper said. Too nasty, as it turned out, because a collective groan proclaimed a second chance gone begging. Cooper was suddenly £33,330 the richer.

"It was incredible," Cooper said. In 14 years as a professional he had never been higher than fourth, both in *1984 and 1985*. This year his best finish until yesterday was 32nd. This is the third occasion of a stunning result on the Euroopean tour this season, matching those of David Whelan in the Barcelona Open and David Llewellyn in the Biarritz Open. They, too, were first-time winners.

Those earlier results put heart in Cooper hesterday. As he went into the lead with an eagle at the 499yd 15th by way of a drive and five-iron to five feet and a birdie at the next, where a sand wedge left him only five feet from the hole, he conquered his nerves, he said, by recalling Whelan's achievement in another metropolitan area of Spain.

For much of the afternoon Cooper was a shot or two behind Piñero and Martín, as he had begun the day, but he held his game together admirably, unabashed by four times dropping a shot. He hit back on three occasions with a birdie at the following hole and on the fourth occasion, crucially, with that eagle at the 15th.

Howard Clark had a magnificent round of 64, only one shot outside Ballesteros's course record.

FINAL SCORES (British unless stated): 275: D Cooper, 70, 68, 69, 68; 276: M Piñero (Sp), 69, 69, 67, 71; M Martín (Sp), 69, 69, 68, 70. 278: S Ballesteros (Sp), 69, 68, 69, 72. 280: H W Clark, 69, 76, 71, 64; M McNulty (Zim), 71, 67, 71, 71; J Morgan, 68, 72, 68, 72; M James, 71, 70, 69, 70: B Gallacher, 69, 71, 70, 70. 281: J I Gervas (Sp), 65, 69, 73, 74; D Ray, 72, 73, 69, 67. 282: S Torrance, 75, 70, 66, 71; E Darcy, 73, 67, 70, 72; M Mouland, 71, 69, 69, 73; J M Olazábal (Sp), 74, 70, 69, 69; J Rivero (Sp), 68, 73, 72, 69: O Moore (Aus), 70, 71, 70, 71; M Harwood (US), 71, 68, 70, 73.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	192	3	10	420	4
2	586	5	11	216	3
3	421	4	12	457	4
4	409	4	13	307	4
5	527	5	14	468	4
6	178	3	15	499	5
7	383	4	16	390	4
8	298	4	17	174	3
9	432	4	18	601	5
Out	3,406	36	In	3,532	36

Total yardage: 6,938 Par: 72

Hole in one for White

Bernard White survived what he called "a semi-nightmare" to win the John Cross Bowl at the first hole of a sudden-death play-off with David Lane at Worplesdon on Saturday, after both players had tied on 145, three over par (Patricia Davies writes).

On a bright St George's Day morning, White, the holder, returned a 69, two under par, to lead by three strokes. He left the field spreadeagled and open-mouthed with a run of 2, 4, 4, 1 from the fourth hole, his twelfth, against the par of 3, 4, 5, 3.

He did not celebrate his hole in one with a champagne-filled lunchtime but admitted that in the afternoon he played as though he had. He struggled to the turn in 40, five over par, and sheer character saw him come home in par for a 76.

Lane had added a Faldoesque 71 — 18 straight pars — to his morning 74 but then nodded at the first, the tie hole, where he took five, and White had two easy putts to win.

LEADING SCORES: 143: B White* (West Hill), 69, 76; D Lane (Goring and Streatley), 74, 71; 147: A Hart (West Hill), 72, 75, I Gray (Bruggen), 77, 70. 148: A Raitt (Burhill), 72, 76.
* won at first hole of play-off.

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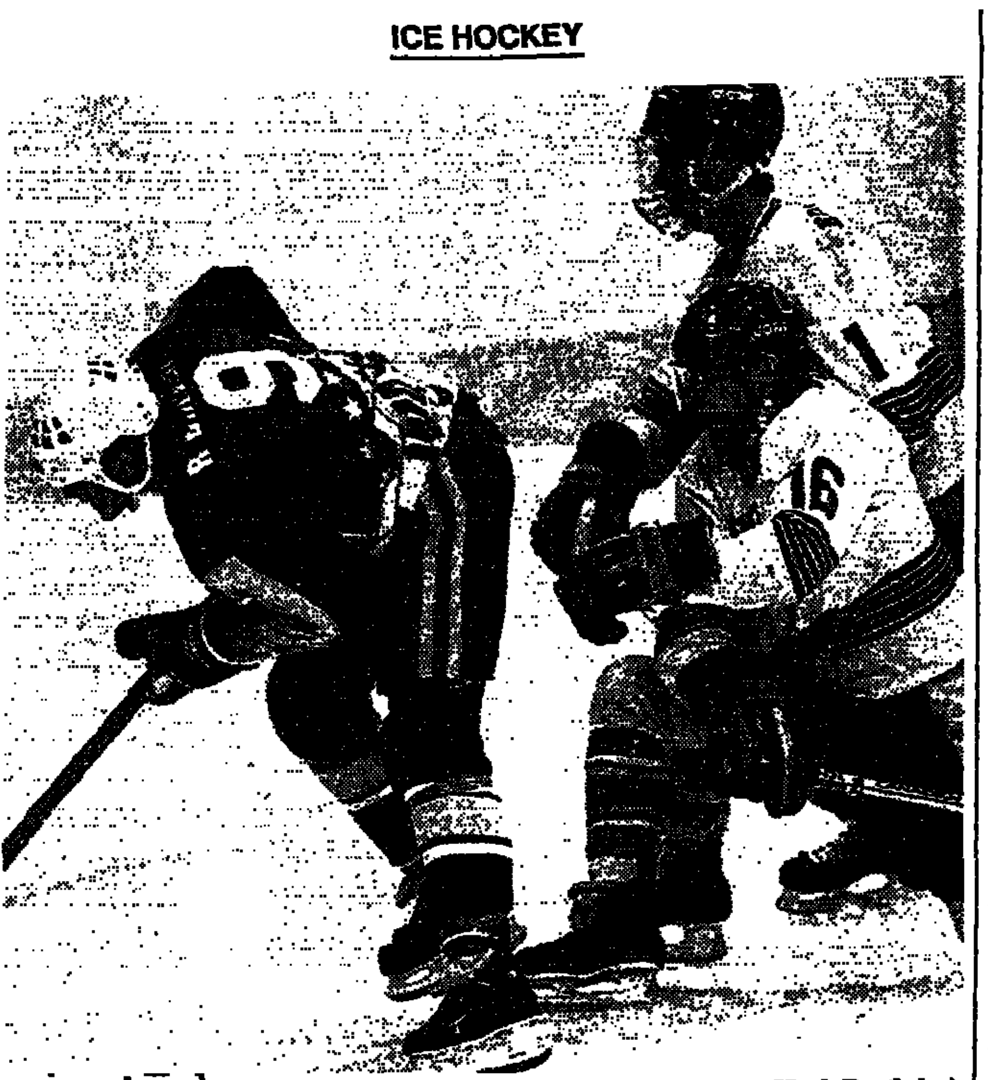
Flyers grounded: Brebant, of Wasps, beats Fife defenders (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Durham Wasps retain title

By Norman de Mesquita

Durham Wasps retained their Heineken championship with an 8-5 win over Fife Flyers at Wembley yesterday.

The tone of the game was set after only 25 seconds when Fife's Edmiston took an unnecessary interference penalty and Ian Cooper scored *within* 10 seconds. Goals by Stephen Johnson and Paul Smith saw Durham go three ahead after only seven minutes and they were never headed after that.

The Flyers did come within two at the first interval but, as so often, the Wasps showed greater all round depth and their second line was always in control of their Scottish counterparts while the first line, with captain Paul Smith, always dangerous, kept severe pressure on the Fife defence.

Another feature of the Wasps' performance was the fine goaltending of young England international, Chris Salem who repeatedly frustrated the hitherto high scoring Fife forwards.

Edmiston continued to take foolish penalties and in the final period, he was replaced at right wing on first line by Robertson. This made little difference as the Wasps were, by then, in full control and the teams shared two goals in the final 20 minutes.

Mike O'Connor, who took over as coach of the Wasps *midway* through the season, was obviously thrilled with his success and was named as the Durham man of the match.

Outstanding for the Flyers was their veteran of many years' experience in the National Hockey League, Al Sims.

RACING

Starkey steps in for Bluebook ride in Guineas

By Michael Seely
Racing Correspondent

As Steve Cauthen has elected to ride Diminuendo, Henry Cecil has booked Greville Starkey to partner Bluebook in Thursday's General Accident 1,000 Guineas as the seven times champion trainer attempts to win the first of the fillies' classics for the fourth time.

On Saturday, both fillies were galloped together over seven furlongs at Newmarket. "I've booked Greville because of his experience," said Cecil. "They'll both run well, though whether one won't be good enough and the other will need further than a mile time alone will tell."

Starkey has been placed in the race three times, but has yet to win it.

The 1,000 is always a fascinating and competitive affair. The informed word from France is that Ravinella, the 11-8 favourite, is expected to win, particularly if the race develops into a sprint.

However, the vein of gold running through the whole of Diminuendo's consistent form suggests that the 6-1 currently on offer against Sheikh Mohammed's plucky filly represents solid each-way value. "I've got to be encouraged by the fact that she ran so well to be second in the Nell Gwyn when my horses weren't firing," Cecil said.

Magic Of Life, Ghariba, Dabaweyaa and Ela Romara have also pleased connections in their preparations and have sound claims. "Ghariba worked really well on Saturday and I couldn't be more delighted," said Alec Stewart about his winner of the Nell Gwyn..

As the excitement of Guineas week starts to mount Michael Stoute expressed himself as satisfied with the condition of the odds-on favourite, Doyoun.

He confirmed yesterday that an attempt had been made to find a pacemaker for a race in which there is no obvious front runner. "We made several inquiries, but it came to nothing," he said.

Announcing that Warning was a definite absentee, Guy Harwood said: "He's coughed four times. He's coming back at me fast but I won't be able to train him seriously yet. We'll be thinking about something like Royal Ascot in due course."

Clive Brittain is still anticipating a good showing from Intimidate and Lapierre. After Galitzin, previously third to Doyoun in the Craven, had stolen first run on Glacial Storm in the *Guardian* Classic Trial at Sandown on Saturday, he said: "Michael Roberts said Galitzin wouldn't let himself go on the firm ground at Newmarket, or he'd have finished closer. Both my Guineas runners are several lengths better."

Greville Starkey: booked for big-race experience

Both the principals in Saturday's finish are now bound for York for the Mecca-Dante Stakes. Glacial Storm, under pressure from the final bend, stayed on strongly up the hill to be beaten only 1½ lengths.

Both Emmson and Sanquirico are also under orders for York's always informative Derby trial.

Cecil is pleased with Sanquirico who ran so disappointingly behind Doyoun in the Craven. "He worked with Quexioss, a pretty decent four-year-old," said the trainer. "He was always going easily and well, he's got class and I'm sure he'll come good."

The other feature at Sandown was Luca Cumani's double with Raykour and Infamy. Raykour justified 13-8 favouritism in the Esher Cup and Infamy showed tremendous courage when getting up in the final stride to floor the odds of 2-1 laid on Most Welcome in the Gordon Richards EBF Stakes.

The Italian trainer intends to give Tibullo a chance to make amends for his disappointing performance at Newbury in the 2,000 Guineas on Saturday.

- In Extremis, trained by Criquette Head, earned a tilt at either the French or English Derby when beating Drapeau Tricolore in yesterday's Prix de Guiche at Longchamp. The runner-up now goes for the Prix Lupin.
- Inchmurrin and Thaidah finished fourth and fifth respectively behind six-length winner Lonely Bird in yesterday's Italian 1,000 Guineas

ATHLETICS

Gateshead retain road title

By Barry Trowbridge

Gateshead Harriers may have lost their English cross-country crown to Birchfield at Newark in February, but in Sutton Park, Birmingham, on Saturday, they showed they have no intention of relinquishing their superiority on the road by retaining the AAA national 12-stage road-relay title in splendid fashion.

The race, which was run over 50 miles and 764 yards, illustrates grass-roots athletics at its best, and in these troubled times for the sport it was refreshing to see Olympians such as David Moorcroft, Barry Smith and Nick Rose rubbing shoulders with unheralded club men. Indeed, had the race not been so close to the London Marathon, Gateshead would have fielded Charlie Spedding and Kevin Forster, as well as Smith, and perhaps finished even closer to the course record.

As it was, the winning time of 4hr 2min 1sec was the third-fastest ever on the course, and gave the club its 21st national team title since 1973. In cold, windy conditions, it was an outstanding performance.

RESULTS: 1, Gateshead, 4hr 02min 01sec; 2, Birchfield, 4:02:53; 3, Coventry, 4:03:04; 4, Swansea, 4:06:31; 5, Wolverhampton and Bilston, 4:07:05; 6, Tipton, 4:07:19. Fastest long stage (5 miles 706 yards): C Mochne (Leicester), G Turnbull (Gateshead), P Jenkins (Newport), all 25min 04sec. Short stage (3 miles 08 yards): M Hawkins (Bingley), 13:54, S Emson (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 13:56; S Mugglestone (Westbury), 13:57.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Morgan to carry a heavy load

By Chris Thau

With the notable exception of Naim Suleymanoglu, who defected from Bulgaria to Turkey, there are very few Western lifters challenging the Soviet Union and Bulgarian dominance in the European championship in Cardiff this week.

Norberto Oberburger, the Italian and Olympic heavyweight champion, and the flamboyant West German super-heavyweight, Manfred Nerlinger, are in contention for a bronze in either snatch or clean and jerk, but David Morgan will need a great deal of luck in his 82.5kg class to give Britain a medal. Morgan must face the world champion in the 75kg division, Boris Gidikov, of Bulgaria, who has moved up a class to take on Lajos Barsi, the Hungarian world champion. This is also the division in which the Soviets tend to break the Bulgarians' dominance in the lighter weights.

Morgan, recovering from a knee operation, expects to lift a total of 375kg, 165 in the snatch and 210 in the clean and jerk. Like most other British Olympic lifters, he has increased his best performances by 10 to 15kg since changing his training to a Bulgarian-inspired pattern.

Blogoe Blogoev, the top Bulgarian coach, held a series of sessions with the members of the British Olympic squad last December. Morgan, Andrew Davis, Dean Willey, David Mercer and Keith Boxell have made vast gains and Davis, who won a silver medal in last year's world junior championship, is likely to finish among the top six, like Willey in the 75kg class.

Otherwise the reaction of the Bulgarians losing their world team title to the Soviet Union, now coached by Alexei Medvedev, and the return of Suleymanoglu, is expected to be the main focus of interest over the next five days.

TENNIS

Lendl in a victorious return

From Richard Evans, Monte Carlo

Proving himself to be as durable and relentless as ever in his search of victory, Ivan Lendl won his first Nabisco grand prix title of the year here in the Volvo Monte Carlo Open when he wore down Martín Jaite, the spirited little Argentinian, 5-7, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.

The match took three and three-quarter hours and, following Lendl's tough semi-final struggle against Yannick Noah the day before, when he was also forced to relinquish the first set, the week has told the Czech all he needs to know about his standard of fitness following the foot injury which kept him off the tour for seven weeks.

It will also have given Lendl the satisfaction of having emulated John McEnroe's feat of winning a title the moment he returned to the circuit after a long lay-off and, coincidentally, has pulled him back onto level terms with McEnroe at 71 grand prix career titles apiece. That race alone should enliven the remainder of the year.

Jaite, who defeated another Frenchman, Thierry Tulasne, in the other semi-final, surprised those still unacquainted with his neat and technically sound clay-court game by the way he attacked Lendl throughout the match.

Jaite, who beat Mats Wilander in the final at Barcelona last October, has a deceptively penetrating backhand which frequently caught Lendl off guard. But eventually, mistakes began to appear as he tired after the second set and Lendl was comfortably in charge by the end. Mentally, however, Lendl was still not satisfied with his concentration.

"I gave away a lot of points today because of my mental attitude" he said. "If I go on like that, I can expect to end up losing a few matches." But not, one assumes, the ones that matter.

RESULTS: Men's singles, semi-finals: I Lendl (Cz) bt Y Noah (Fr), 4-6, 7-6, 6-3; M Jaite (Arg) bt T Tulasne (Fr), 6-4, 6-2. Final: Lendl bt Jaite, 5-7, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.

Overdue win for Javer

Singapore — Monique Javer, who received international clearance to play for Britain only two months ago, yesterday became the first player from her newly adopted country to win a grand prix tournament since Annabel Croft triumphed in the Virginia Slims of San Diego in 1985 (Barry Wood writes).

Javer, aged 20, defeated Leila Meskhi, of the Soviet Union, 7-6, 6-3 in the DHL Singapore Open final and immediately set her sights on taking over from Anne Hobbs as the British No. 1.

The final did not show the best of Javer. It was a tedious match at times and both players struggled to find their rhythm.

Javer is ranked 162nd in the world and believes in her ability to break into the top 50 by the end of the year. On present form, both her targets are realistic ones. Two weeks ago she defeated the world junior champion, Natalia Zvereva, also of the Soviet Union, in the Suntory Japan Open.

Javer intends to return home to San Francisco to prepare for the clay-court season and will play in Strasbourg in preparation for the French Open next month. She then expects to play at Beckenham, Birmingham and Eastbourne in preparation for Wimbledon.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: L Meskhi (USSR) bt N Bykova (USSR), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; M Javer (GB) bt D Balestrat (Aus), 6-0, 6-1. Final: Javer bt Meskhi, 7-6, 6-3.

Castle topples in final set

Seoul (Reuter) — Andrew Castle, the first British player to reach a grand prix final in six years, lost his composure in the third set to hand the South Korean Open title to Dan Goldie, of the United States, yesterday.

Goldie served and returned well but, more important, kept his nerve better, to triumph 6-3, 6-7, 6-0. He took the final set in under 20 minutes after the tense second set tie-break when he had served three double faults.

Castle, who is entered in the Olympics, gained some consolation when he and Roberto Saad, of Argentina, won the doubles final against Jim Grabb and Gary Donnelly, the Americans.

CYCLING

Tough training helps Pritchard prevail

By Peter Bryan

The strength gained from a strenuous winter training programme allowed John Pritchard to make light of a nagging easterly wind, which more than hindered most others in yesterday's Viking Road Club 25-mile trial near Witham, Essex.

"I knew the race was mine when I calculated that I had gained 40 seconds on Martin Pyne by the 16 miles point," Pritchard said. "And that was all into the wind."

His forecast was correct. Pyne, the fastest rider this season at 10 and 25 miles, accepted that the hard conditions underlined that his winter preparation was not comparable with that of Pritchard, who emerged a clear winner in 55min 11sec, leaving his rival 52sec adrift in second place.

The event provided Pritchard, an RAF PTI, with his second victory of the weekend. On Saturday he went "home" to Wales to set the fastest time in the veterans' 10-mile title trial. Now he is being tipped to become the British champion in June, with Darryl Webster unable to defend since he has acquired a professional licence.

RESULTS: Viking RC 25 miles: 1, J Pritchard (Polytechnic-Air Canada), 55min 11sec; 2, M Pyne (Polytechnic-Air Canada), 56:03; 3, I Browning (Leo RC), 58.09. Team: Polytechnic-Air Canada.

EQUESTRIANISM

Leng plays favourite

Virginia Leng, the world champion, confirmed her position as favourite for the Badminton horse trials next week when she finished with a first and second at the MacConnal-Mason Mercedes horse trials at Brockenhurst, Hampshire, on Saturday (Jenny MacArthur writes).

Leng won the second advance section on Master Craftsman and came second in the first section on Murphy Himself.

Other Badminton riders who had impressive outings on Saturday were Leslie Law with Welton Apollo, who relegated Leng and Mark Todd, the Olympic gold medal winner, to second and third in section one, and Rachel Hunt, who finished second on Aloaf and third on Bally Murphy in section two as well as taking seventh with Friday Fox.

RESULTS: (GB unless stated): Advanced one 1, Welton Apollo (L Law), 36; 2, Murphy Himself (V Leng), 37; 3, Charisma (M Todd, NZ), 38; 4, Graphic (T Pottinger, NZ), 40. Advanced two: 1, Master Craftsman (V Leng), 36; 2, Aloaf (R Hunt), 46; 3, Bally Murphy (R Hunt), 47.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Friday: Pittsburgh Pirates 8, Chicago Cubs 4; Philadelphia Phillies 2, Montreal Expos 0; Cincinnati Reds 4, Atlanta Braves 0; New York Mets 4, St Louis Cardinals 0; San Diego Padres 3, Houston Astros 1. Postponed: Los Angeles Dodgers at San Francisco Giants. Saturday: Pittsburgh Pirates 5, Chicago Cubs 4; Los Angeles Dodgers 10, San Francisco Giants 3; Philadelphia Phillies 3, Montreal Expos 3 (game abandoned after five innings because of rain); New York Mets 12, St Louis Cardinals 9; San Diego Padres 4, Houston Astros 0. Postponed: Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves. American League: Friday: Toronto Blue Jays 6, New York Yankees 4; Cleveland Indians 11, Minnesota Twins 6; Chicago White Sox 7, Oakland A's 5; Kansas City Royals 13, Baltimore Orioles 1; Detroit Tigers 5, Texas Rangers 3; Seattle Mariners 7, California Angels 4. Postponed: Boston Red Sox at Milwaukee Brewers. Saturday: Kansas City Royals 4, Baltimore Orioles 3; Oakland A's 3, Chicago White Sox 2; Toronto Blue Jays 3, New York Yankees 2; Cleveland Indians 10, Minnesota Twins 2; Detroit Tigers 7, Texas Rangers 6; Seattle Mariners 11, California Angels 4. Postponed: Boston Red Sox at Milwaukee Brewers.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Friday: Atlanta Hawks 133, Boston Celtics 106; Indiana Pacers 103, Detroit Pistons 98; Cleveland Cavaliers 107, Chicago Bulls 103; Dallas Mavericks 127, San Antonio Spurs 96; Milwaukee Bucks 118, New York Knicks 109; Los Angeles Lakers 117, Phoenix Suns 112; Portland Trail Blazers 141, Denver Nuggets 135; Utah Jazz 110, Seattle SuperSonics 109; Sacramento Kings 117, Golden State Warriors 109. Saturday: Cleveland Cavaliers 104, Philadelphia Sixers 99; New Jersey Nets 118, Milwaukee Bucks 105; Washington Bullets 106, Atlanta Hawks 96; New York Knicks 88, Indiana Pacers 86; Denver Nuggets 134, LA Clippers 109; Utah Jazz 125, Houston Rockets 107; Portland Trailblazers 124, Sacramento Kings 110.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Stanley Cup play-offs: (best-of-seven-game series): Smythe division: Edmonton Oilers 4, Calgary Flames 2 (Edmonton lead 3-0). Norris division: St Louis Blues 6, Detroit Red Wings 3 (Detroit lead 2-1). Adams division: Boston Bruins 3, Montreal Canadiens 1 (Boston lead 2-1). Patrick division: New Jersey Devils 10, Washington Capitals 4 (New Jersey lead series 2-1).

BOXING

TOKYO: World Boxing Association minimumweight championship: (12 rounds): Léo Gamez (Ven, holder) bt Kenji Yokozawa (Japan), rsc 3rd.
BERCK, France: International Boxing Federation welterweight championship: (15 rounds): Simon Brown (Jam) bt Tyrone Trice (US), ko 14th.

CANOEING

Premier league slalom event: (at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham): Men: Kayak: 1, R Fox (Nottingham). Other British: 4, M Jones (Wolves). Canadian singles: 1, G Marriott (Notts); 2, M Hedges (Windsor); 3, M Delaney (West Lothian). Canadian doubles: 1, C Richardson and C Thompson (Shepperton); 2, A Nelide and D Brown (Forth); 3, A Clough and I Clough (Normaton). Women: Kayak: 1, M Aguilhon (Fra). British: 5, R Fox (Nottingham).

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

SUFFOLK: English Open FITASC grand prix: Men: J Bidwell, 135. Women: D Eyre, 110.

CYCLING

BERNE: Tour of Switzerland: (237.2km): 1, U Freuler (Switz), 6hr 27min 23sec; 2, M Wilson (Aus), same time; 3, Jean-Filippe Vandenbrande (Bel), 13sec behind.
MEERSSEN, Netherlands: Amstel Gold race: 1, J Nijdam (Neth), 6:28:25; 2, S Rooks (Neth), 6:28.41; 3, C Criquielion (Bel), 6:28:42.
TIME TRIALS
Luton Wh 25 miles: R Queen (VC Slough), 56:26. Team: VC Slough, 2:56.17.
RHYL RC (mountain) 37 miles: S Ball (VC Canard), 1:33.42. Team: Rhyl RC, 5:07.42.
Lancaster CC 25 miles: S Sweetman (Preston Wh), 57:25. Team: Preston Wh 3:01.45.
Bournemouth Arrow 25 miles: M Fodden (Wessex RC), 57:51. Team: Bournemouth Arrow, 3:14.57.
East Sussex CA 25 miles: S Dennis (East Grinstead CC), 59:12. Team: Brighton Mitre, 3:10.57.
West Cheshire TTA 30 miles: D Jenkins (Birkenhead Vic), 1:13.06. Team: Anfield BC, 3:45.28.
Acme Wh (Rhondda) 25 miles: D Rogers (Abertillery Wh), 58:07. Team: Coldra RC, 3 08.22.
South Eastern RC 28 miles: P Hamilton and R Keeble (Wren Wh), 1:05.34.
ROAD RACES
Rondo Anglia Buckley trophy 75 miles: S McGhee (Elizabethan CC), 2:42.03.
Mercian Asphalt 93 miles: M Walsham (Percy Bilton) 3:57.15.
Cleveleys RC Levy Moores: (2-day): Second stage: (60 miles): G Newton (Paragon RT), 2:39.18. Overall: (128 miles): Newton, 5:10.30.
Royal Navy (Lee-on-Solent) 50 miles: R Smith (Crabwood CC), 1:59.17.

FENCING

NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS: (at Islington Green School): Under-14: D MacFarlane, 5 wins; 2, D Gregoire, 3; 3, E James, 2; 4, K Beydoun, 2; 5, A Ellison 2; 6, J Crawford, 1. Under-12: 1, M Hall, 5 wins; 2, M Skipp, 3; 3, D McCombie, 2; 4, J Dodds, 2; 5, M White, 2; 6, G Adam, 1.
WIMBLEDON: Invitation Challenge Trophy: 1, Redhill; 2, Kingston; 3, Egham. Women's foil: M Stretch (Southside). Men's foil: M Quester (Redhill). Epée: R Levett (Streatham). Sabre: M Witcombe (Egham).
CARDIFF: Home internationals tournament: England 27, Scotland 9; England 25, Northern Ireland 11; England 25, Wales 11; Wales 20, Scotland 16; Wales 20, Northern Ireland 16; Scotland 18, Ireland 18.

GOLF

ST PETERSBURG, Florida: USX Golf Women's Classic: Third round: (United States unless stated): 205: R Jones. 206: K Postlewait. 207: D White. 208: B Bunkowsky (Can); T Johnson (GB); S Smyers (Aus).
INZAIMACHI, Japan: Dunlop Open: Final round: (Japanese unless stated): 278: M Ozaki. 281: D Ishii (US) 282: T Tanaka. 284: T Nakamura; T Nakayama.
NEW ORLEANS: New Orleans Open tournament: Third round: (US unless stated): 198: C Peck. 201: L Wadkins. 204: G Ladehoff. 205: J Mudd; L Clements; B Fabel; D Rummells.

MOTORCYCLING

MADRID: Spanish grand prix: 500cc: 1, K Magee (Aus), Yamaha, 54:52.476; 2, E Lawson (US), Yamaha, at 00.526; 3, W Gardner (Aus), Honda, 11.577; 4, C Sarron (Fr), Yamaha, 17.404; 5, N McKenzie (GB), Honda, 27.910. Other British: 10, R Haslam, Elf, one lap. Overall positions: 1, Lawson, 52pts; 2, Gardner, 49; 3, Mackenzie, 35. Other British: 9, R Haslam, 19. 125cc: 1, J Martinez (Sp), Derbi, 45min 20.86sec; 2, J Miralles (Sp) Honda, 45:38.25; 3, G Grassetti (It), Honda, 45:40.75. 80cc: 1, S Dorflinger (Switz), Krauser, 36:58.811; 2, Martinez, Derbi, 37:03.937; 3, A Criville (Sp), Derbi, 37:05.851. 250cc: 1, S Pons (Sp), Honda, 46:59.807; 2, J Garriga (Sp), Yamaha, 47:07.246; 3, J Ruggia (Fr), Yamaha, 47:09.119. British: 8, D McLeod (GB), EMC, 47:42.070.

MOTOR RACING

DONINGTON PARK: Lucas British Formula Three Championship: Fifth round: 1, M Donnelly (Ralt RT32), 28min 20.09sec; 2, J J Lehto (Reynard 883); 3, E Irvine, (Ralt RT32).
MURATAMACHI, Japan: Grand Champion Series: Race two: (50 laps, 114 miles): 1, G Lees (GB), March 88 Honda, 1hr 5min 31.97sec, (105.130mph). 2, K Takahashi (Japan), Lola T88, 1:05.47 30; 3, K Matsumoto (Japan), Lola T87, 1:05.48.63.

MOTOR RALLYING

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Granite City Rally: 1, T Smith (Sierra Cosworth), 94.43; 2, R Mawson (Ford Escort), 94.57; 3, I Roberton (Nissan 240 RS), 95.14. Overall positions: (after three rounds): 1, Roberton, 64pts; 2, Mawson, 59; 3, Renwick, 55.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE: Dudley Hill 4, Milford 19; Leigh Miners 28, Millom 20; Pilkington 29, Heworth 18; West Hull 4, Egremont 8; Woolston 7, Wigan St Patrick's 6.

RUGBY UNION

EAST MIDLANDS CUP: Final: Stockwood Park 17, Leighton Buzzard 15.
NOTTS, LINCS AND DERBYS CUP: Final: Newark 20, Matlock 12.
JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP: Qualifying round: Bedworth 14, Solihull 13.
UNDER-21 *DIVISIONAL* MATCH: North 31, Midlands 13 (at Doncaster).
WOMEN'S RFU INTERNATIONAL: Wales 6, England 35 (at Newport).

ROWING

HAMMERSMITH REGATTA: (Winners): Men: Eights: Senior 1: Thames Tradesmen RC. Senior 2: Southampton Univ and British Transport Commission. Senior 3: Latymer Upper School. Novice: London RC. Fours: Coxless: Open: Thames RC. Senior 1: Emanuel Sch BC. Coxed: Veteran B (over-32): Quintin BC. Senior 2: Auriol RC. Senior 3: Emanuel Sch BC. Novice: Barclays Bank RC. Pairs: Coxless: Senior 1: Staines. Singles sculls: Senior 1: I Hopkins (Thames Tradesmen RC). Senior 2: R Humphrey (Tideway Scullers Sch). Senior 3: R Ruff (Tideway Scullers Sch). Novice: A cook (St Pauls Sch). Women: Coxed fours: Senior 3: Sons of The Thames. Novice: Southampton Univ.
PIEDILUCO, Italy: International regatta: Coxed fours: 1, United States, 6:32.50; 2, Great Britain, 6:33.70; 3, Yugoslavia, 6:34.70. Coxless pairs: 1, M Buckingham and P Mulkerrins (GB), 7:08.50; 2, S Berrisford and S Peel (GB), 7:11.30; 3, C Gaddi and F Zucchi (It), 7:11.40. Final overall positions: 1, Italy, 162pts; 2, USSR, 82; 3, United States, 56; 4, Great Britain, 54.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Bradford 42, Belle Vue 48; Coventry 50, Swindon 40; Cradley Heath 48, Wolverhampton 42; Kings Lynn 48, Sheffield 42.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Berwick 48, Poole 47.
KNOCKOUT CUP: First round, second leg: Stoke 50, Edinburgh 45 (Edinburgh win 100-91 agg).
CHALLENGE MATCH: Arena Essex 49, Ex Canterbury 46.

BOWLS

London and Southern Counties Shield final: (at Egham): Cambridge Park 90, Preston 78. Rink scores (Cambridge Park skips first) W Hulbert 12, I Orchin 29; R Paine 15, W Hayward 28; E Barton 26, D Whetstone 15; N Thompson 37, K Thatcher 8.

SQUASH RACKETS

PARIS, Paris Open: Second round: G Hunt (Aus) bt R Martin (Aus), 9-1, 9-5, 9-1; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt A Davies (Wales), 9-1, 9-0, 9-3; C Walker (Eng) bt J-U Soederberg (Swe), 9-7, 7-9, 9-2, 9-0; D Harris (Eng) bt H Jahan (Eng), 9-6, 8-10, 9-2, 9-0; C Dittmar (Aus) bt C Jones (Wales), 9-2, 9-0, 9-1; T Nancarrow (Aus) bt Mir Zaman Gul (Pak), 9-1, 9-2, 3-9, 9-5.

SWIMMING

COMO, Italy: Four-nation competition: First day: MEN: (Winners): 400m freestyle: A Holmertz (Swe), 3min 53.98sec. British: 3, K Boyd, 3:58.12; 6, T Day, 4:01.10. 100m butterfly: L Michelotti (Ity), 56.19sec. British: 4, T Jones, 56.73; 5, M Fibbens, 56 78. 200m backstroke: S Battistelli (It), 2:02.72. British: 6, I Rosser, 2:09.24; 7, M Peyrebrune, 2:11.31. 100m freestyle: P Johansson (Swe), 51.02sec. British: 4, M Fibbens, 52.28; 6, R Lee, 53.23 100m breaststroke: A Cecchi (It), 1.03.87. British: 2, N Gillingham, 1:04 17; 5, I Campbell, 1:05 62. 200m medley: J Bidrman (Swe), 2:05.81 British: 4, P Brew, 2:08.54; 7, D Rolley, 2:10 76.
WOMEN: 200m freestyle: J Croft (GB), 2:03.15; Other British: 2, R Gilfillan, 2:03.77. 400m individual medley: R Felotti (It), 4:52.15. British: 2, G Stanley, 4:53 43; 4, S Smart, 5 00.73. 4 x 100m freestyle: Great Britain, 3:52.52. 100m backstroke: L Vigarani (It), 1:04.19. British: 4, K Read, 1:05.79; 6, H Slatter, 1·06.63. 200m butterfly: M Olmi (It), 2:15.49. British: 2, H Bewley, 2:16.03; 3, S Purvis, 2:16.65 200m breaststroke: A Nisiro (It), 2:33.96. British: 4, J Hill, 2:37.54; 6, M Hohmann, 2:42.34. 800m freestyle: M Malchiom (It), 8:45.57. British: 2, K Mellor, 8 48.51; 3, S Gaynor, 8:54.04.

TENNIS

HOUSTON: Virginia Slims of Houston: Singles, quarter-finals: E Hakami (US) bt P Tarabini (Arg), default; Z Garrison (US) bt I Cueto (WG), 7-6, 6-1; C Evert (US) bt G Magers (US), 2-6, 6-3, 6-0; M Navratilova (US) bt A Sanchez (Sp), 7-6, 6-2.
TAIPEI: Women's international tournament: Singles, final: S Rehe (US) bt B Schultz (Neth), 6-4, 6-4. Doubles, final: P Fendick and A Henricksson (US) bt B Cordwell and J Richardson (NZ), 6-2, 2-6, 6-1.
QUEEN'S CLUB: Hi-Tec LTA international satellite tournament: Singles, final: Men: A Anderson (Aus) bt T Theine (WG), 6-7, 6-4, 6-3. Women: A Simpkin (Leics) bt A Grossman (US), 6-4, 7-5 Doubles, final: Men: S Barr and R Rashead (Aus) bt S Cole (Surrey) and R Whichello (Kent), 7-6, 1-6, 6-4. Women: A Simpkin (Leics) and J Tacon (Norfolk) bt L O'Halloran (Ire) and L Vandborg (Den), 4-6, 6-2, 7-6.
ISLE OF MAN: LTA ratings tournament: Men's final: A Cowden (Cheshire) bt P Carr (Liverpool), 7-6, 7-5. Women's final: S Tse (Isle of Man) bt M Cain (Isle of Man), 7-5, 6-2.

VOLLEYBALL

ATHENS: Women's West European Championships: Portugal bt England, 3-15, 7-15, 15-11, 15-12, 8-15; France bt Cyprus, 15-9, 15-4, 15-9.

WATER POLO

MARSEILLES: International tournament: Semi-finals: Spain 6, USA 3; Australia 9, France 6.

ATHLETICS

MADRID: Madrid marathon: Men: 1, J Garcia (Sp), 2hr 14min 32sec. Women: 1, C Nowtlewicz (Pol), 2:37:19.
HAMBURG: Hamburg marathon: Men: 1, M Vrabel (Cz), 2:14.55. Women: 1, C Teske (WG), 2:30.23.
ZURICH: Zurich Marathon: Men: 1, M De Oliveira (Port), 2:15:34.08. Women: 1, L Sahli (Switz), 2:34:35.03.

HOCKEY

CLUB MATCHES: Midlands: Beeston 6, Brigg 0; Bromsgrove 5, Ludlow 1; GEC Coventry 1, Pershore 1; Loughborough 4, Westleigh 1; North Stafford 2, Aldridge 1; O Sihillians 1, Hampton 1; Players 3, South Nottingham 2; Sheffield Bankers 6, North Notts 0; Stafford 1, Kidderminster 2; Wombourne 0, Nuneaton 1.

ORIENTEERING

TOUCH FOREST, Stirling: BOF national team trial: Men: 13km: S Hale (Perth) 87min 3sec. Women: 7.4km: K Parker (Manchester), 72:11.

YACHTING

AUCKLAND: Citizen's Cup match race championship: 1, J Kolius (US), 7 wins, 2 defeats; 2, J Bertrand (US), 7, 2; 3, C Dickson (NZ), 7, 2; 4, P Gilmour (Aus), 5, 4.

LACROSSE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND FLAG FINAL: Senior Men: Hampstead 15, Bath 8. Juniors flags: Bath A 12, Purley A 7. Intermediate flags: Beckenham 12, Hitchin 4.

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: upper and middle runs, runs complete, spring snow; lower slopes, snow cover patchy, wet snow; vertical runs, 1,200ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,400ft. Glencoe (open from Friday, April 29 until Monday, May 2 inclusive and will close for the season thereafter): upper runs, runs complete, spring snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete, spring snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1,200ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,400ft. Forecast for today: mostly dry with some bright or sunny intervals but there will be a few light snow flurries, especially on Cairngorm; the freezing level will be around 3,000ft and winds will be mostly light. Outlook for tomorrow: little general change.
● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

Playing again

Istanbul (Reuter) — Turkey and Greece have fixed September 21 for their first national football match for 36 years, the Anatolian news agency said here. The match will be held in Istanbul and a return match will be held in Athens on March 29, 1989. The two countries' B teams will play on the day before both matches. Agreement to start playing again after the last match on May 16, 1952, was reached after ice-breaking talks earlier this year between the two countries' prime ministers.

McEnroe plays

New York (AP) — John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors will play in the Tournament of Champions at the Forest Hills Tennis Club. The tournament starts on Saturday and ends on May 8.

Desert Orchid now enjoying good life

Desert Orchid was enjoying the pick of spring grass in bright sunshine on the lawn at Whitsbury yesterday morning (Michael Seely writes).

"He is as sound as a bell," said his jubilant trainer, David Elsworth. "In fact, he is looking and feeling better than any of us this morning. So let's leave him to his summer and a well-earned rest."

Pas Seul, Arkle, Mill House, Titus Oates, Charlie Potheen, The Dikler and Diamond Edge. The Whitbread Gold Cup has always been a race to tug at the old heart strings and make strong men dab their eyes.

As Desert Orchid went storming up the Sandown hill to become the eighth horse to defy 11st 11lb or more in the last great steeplechase of the season, 18,532 exaltant throats roared their spring-heeled hero home.

"Desert Orchid has set the record straight," Elsworth went on. "Over a right-handed track, he is the best chaser in the country. Next season, I want to take on Pearlyman under these conditions to prove our point."

Paul Henderson, Elsworth's blacksmith, who inserted a rubber cushion between the corn and the shoe, has every reason to be proud of his handywork. And the entire Burridge family were overcome by the occasion in the unsaddling enclosure after the race.

As well as Richard Burridge, the winning owner, the scriptwriter's father, Jimmy, who began the magic story when buying Grey Orchid, Desert Orchid's grand dam in Nottinghamshire, was almost speechless with emotion as they were presented to the Queen Mother.

When Desert Orchid is allowed to dictate his own gallop, he becomes a horse apart, as his jumping increases in confidence and he starts to stretch his rivals.

Simon Sherwood, now undefeated in three mounts on the flying grey, deserved so much of the credit for his superb horsemanship and judgement of pace. "I never dreamed we would be allowed to dominate things," he said. "When Run And Skip jumped to the front at the last of the Railway fences, his ears went back. But running to the Pond fence, I knew he still had plenty left in the tank."

What more is there to say about Elsworth? Desert Orchid was gaining his fourth victory of a nine-race campaign, which started in October. The green-fingered genius has also nursed Rhyme 'N' Reason to five wins from 10 starts including the Grand National.

Desert Orchid has now won £189,887 in 21 victories. And as Elsworth reaches out to claim his first trainers' championship his earnings so far this season of £355,715 are only £3,000 behind the all-time record established by Michael Dickinson during the 1982-83 campaign. There are still five weeks of the season left.

Saturday's results

Sandown Park

2.30 1, Steele's (8-13 fav); 2, Sylvan Tempest (9-1); 3, Northern Alert (9-1). 10 ran.

3.5 1, Raykour (13-8 fav); 2, Iran Scam (12-1); 3, Apache (9-2). 14 ran.

3.40 1, Desert Orchid (6-1); 2, Kildimo (6-1: Michael Seely's nap); 3, Strands Of Gold (6-1). Aquilifer 11-2 fav. 12 ran.

4.15 1, Galitzin (11-2); 2, Glacial Storm (2-1); 3, Maksud (12-1). Sharazari 5-6 fav. 5 ran.

4.45 1, Infamy (5-1); 2, Most Welcome (1-2 fav); 3, Golden Braid (13-2). 5 ran.

5.20 1, Shay (5-1); 2, Very Special Lady (5-2 fav); 3, Vanishing Spirit (13-2). 9 ran. NR: Jeronime.

5.50 1, Cash Is King (9-2); 2, Happy Paddy (9-1); 3, Duke De Vendome (7-2). Errant Knight 5-2 fav. 10 ran. NR: Teniente.

Beverley

2.15 1, Volte Face (20-1); 2, Afaltoun (10-11 fav); 3, Riyadh Lights (10-1). 11 ran.

2.45 1, Moody Man (2-1 fav); 2, May Over (12-1); 3, Basirah (100-30). 18 ran.

3.15 1, Foot Patrol (11-1); 2, Grossen (25-1); 3, Red River Boy (10-1); 4, Knights Secret (12-1). Young Snugfit 100-30 fav. 17 ran.

3.50 1, Cannon's Way (5-2); 2, Holster (12-1); 3, Windsor Park (4-6 fav). 8 ran.

4.20 1, Mon Sally (12-1); 2, Hinari Video (20-1); 3, Warthill Girl (12-1); 4, Rose Sundae (16-1). Lets Go Allegro 9-2 fav. 22 ran. NR: Babe In Arms.

4.50 1, Rushluan (T Quinn, 8-15 fav); 2, Polemos (11-2); 3, Autonomous (5-1). 12 ran. NR: Rodomont, Emerald Royale.

5.20 1, Cowley (7-4 fav); 2, Foot The Bill (15-8); 3, Sonic Lord (25-1). 10 ran. NR: Late Cut.

Leicester

2.0 1, Forfun (16-1); 2, Tadbir (10-1); 3, Live Image (33-1). Hello Vaigly 3-1 fav. 23 ran. NR: Ancient Ritual.

2.30 1, Another Wine (5-2 fav); 2, Star Cover (7-1); 3, Samantha Josephine (10-1). 11 ran. NR: Bellhopper.

3.0 1, Sharp Reminder (7-2); 2, Sharblask (14-1); 3, Bin Shaddad (15-2). Darcy's Thatcher 15-8 fav. 10 ran.

3.30 1, Kovalevskia (20-1); 2, Per Quod (11-4 fav); 3, Good Mood (33-1); 4, Glen Fintaig (33-1). 21 ran. NR: Queens Romance.

4.0 1, Miami Banker (11-2); 2, Handsome Groom (6-1); 3, Forte (11-8 fav). 10 ran.

4.30 1, Nastell (6-1); 2, Sphinx (5-1 fav); 3, Footstool (7-1); 4, Mellman (10-1). 18 ran. NR: Count Bertrand.

5.0 1, Shadow Minister (10-11 fav); 2, Ihsthar (7-2); 3, Basic Truth (10-1). 23 ran. NR: Claudia Pascal.

Uttoxeter

2.15 1, Up The Ladder (7-1); 2, Classy Bird (6-1); 3, Sno Surprise (11-2). We're In The Money 2-1 fav. 9 ran. NR: Glen Weaving, Far Minstrel, Baritone.

2.45 1, Celtic Fleet (33-1); 2, The Buckwheat (10-1); 3, Charter Hardware (6-4 fav). 16 ran.

3.20 1, Knock Hill (20-1); 2, Cranlome (9-2); 3, Team Challenge (4-1 fav); 4, Netherby Ghost (33-1). 18 ran.

3.55 1, Incandesce (9-1); 2, Crowcopper (7-1); 3, Parroquet (5-1 jt-fav); 4, Golden Redeemer (5-1 jt-fav). Channel Breeze 5-1 jt-fav. 16 ran.

4.25 1, Contact Kelvin (14-1); 2, Petit Pain (25-1); 3, Gold Options (8-1); 4, Santopadre (15-2). Honeygrove Banker 7-4 fav. 16 ran. NR: Dudley's Star, Colonel Popski.

4.55 1, Tildebo (3-1); 2, Mallypha (6-1); 3, Friendly Fellow (5-1). The Ram 11-4 fav. 14 ran. NR: Flair Park, Bayshore Lights.

Hexham

2.15 1, Celtic Fort (4-1); 2, Marejo (11-1); 3, Katie Rhodes (12-1). My Purple Prose 2-1 fav. 13 ran.

2.45 1, Irish Red (11-4); 2, Tewit Castle (6-1); 3, Red Ruddel (6-1). Dreambreaker 9-4 fav. 17 ran. NR: Cheeky Robin.

3.15 1, Paddy Murphy (9-2); 2, Ready Steady (Evens fav); 3, Reiver's Lad (4-1). 18 ran. NR: Official Receiver.

3.45 1, Taylormade Boy (100-30); 2, Trusty Friend (11-8 fav); 3, Roust Up (14-1). 20 ran. NR: Parsons Law.

4.15 1, Gowan House (6-1); 2, David's Treasure (6-1); 3, Lacidar (9-2). Mr Perfect 3-1 fav. 11 ran.

4.45 1, Farcor (7-2); 2, Doughty Rebel (9-4 fav); 3, Priceless Peril (5-1). 10 ran.

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Guineas

Greville Starkey: booked for big-race experience

in the Guardian Classic Trial at Sandown on Saturday, he said: "Michael Roberts said Galitzin wouldn't let himself go on the firm ground at Newmarket, or he'd have finished closer. Both my Guineas runners are several lengths better."

Both the principals in Sandown's finish are now bound for York for the Mecca-Dante Stakes. Glacial Storm, under pressure from the final bend, stayed on strongly up the hill to be beaten only 1½ lengths.

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Dalgan ready to collect for Cecil

By Mandarin

DALGAN, representing the indomitable combination of *Henry Cecil and Steve Cauthen*, can give weight and a beating to two Derby entries in the Prince of Wales Graduation Stakes at Brighton today.

The odds-on winner of his first race at Wolverhampton in June, this son of Diamond Shoal had only one other outing as a juvenile and was far from disgraced when failing by a length to concede 5lb to Bill Watts's useful filly, Jungle Gold.

Dalgan looked in need of the run when reappearing at Ripon 12 days ago but ran a sound race to finish a close third behind Bildad and the highly-rated Rambo Dancer.

The exact merit of that contest looked hard to assess at the time but was given substance at Pontefract on Thursday when *The Frozen North*, eight lengths behind Dalgan in fourth, comfortably beat a horse with group race form in Our Eliaso.

Mulia, trained by Lester Piggott last season when second to Carmelite House in the *Houghton* Stakes, is one of Barry Hills's seven Derby entries. He seems sure to open his account before long but was a shade disappointing when touched off by Nickle Plated at Warwick three weeks ago.

Jadeer, who shaped well on his only run at Salisbury in October, should also be winning soon but Michael Stoute's Nijinsky colt is likely to need the run and the greater experience of Dalgan may prove decisive.

Cecil and Cauthen also have a leading contender for the Sidney Thompson Memorial EBF Stakes in Scarlet Blade but he may be hard pressed to concede 30lb to ALWAYS ALONE, who won well at Goodwood in September and is far better than her fourth at Warwick on soft ground earlier this month would suggest.

Luzum has sound claims on his best form but is far from consistent while Afshoun and the $1 million yearling, Coeur De Miel, may both need the run.

Ian Balding, trainer of Always Alone, can initiate a double with MILLER'S TALE in the Town Purse Handicap. The six-year-old was beaten four lengths by Windbound Lass on his reappearance but can take his revenge as that winner was already fit from hurdling and is now penalized 7lb.

For the day's best bet, though, I go to Wolverhampton where SPARKY LAD is fancied to continue John Jenkins's good start to the season by foiling the treble-seeking Joveworth in the Birches Bridge Handicap.

Trained by Toby Balding last season, Sparky Lad ran a succession of good races in six-furlong handicaps on all types of going, winning at Newbury (good to firm) and Salisbury (good to soft).

The five-year-old showed that a longer trip poses no problems for him when successful over an extended seven furlongs at Lingfield earlier in the month.

Jack Berry, another trainer to have made an excellent start to the campaign, has double prospects with VALLDEMOSA in the Wombourne Maiden Stakes and L'ADDITION in the New Invention Claiming Stakes.

At Southwell, GOLDEN CASINO can complete a treble in the RMC Group James Seely Memorial Hunter Chase Trophy.

Boost for Caerwent

Vincent O'Brien's 2,000 Guineas hope Caerwent received a double boost when Saxon Cottage, runner-up to him at Phoenix Park, and his galloping companion Prince Of Birds both won at the Curragh on Saturday.

Blinkered first time

WOLVERHAMPTON: 5.0 Chico Valdez.

Cefn Caris back on course to triumph in Times qualifier

Point-to-point
by Brian Beel

Dilwyn Thomas's home-bred Cefn Caris returned to LLantwit Major on Saturday, the course where last season he had his maiden win, to score in *The Times* Championship qualifier at the Pentyrch.

Ridden by John Tudor, St Helens Boy set a good gallop but began to weaken two fences out where David Jones took over the lead on Cefn Caris.

These two were well clear of the field and although St Helens Boy rallied on the run-in, he was still three lengths in arrears at the post.

In the other qualifier, at the Cheshire, Roman Venture led to the eighth where he fell leaving Reel Chance to make the running until he suffered a similar fate at the 13th.

The race was then between John Groucott on Bryn Glas and Chris Stockton on Eastern Chant and in an exciting finish Bryn Glas held on well to win by half a length.

John Bryan's record 31 winners in a season looks in great danger with Philip Scholfield continuing his remarkable run. At the **Dartmoor**, he had a double on Dicky Blob, who won the four-mile open and Tartan Tomahawk, to give him seven winners in four days. This brought his total, with a possible eight or nine meetings still to come, to 25 for the season.

BRIGHTON

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Iron King.
2.45 Miller's Tale.
3.15 Dalgan.
3.45 Martinsmoon.
4.15 Always Alone.
4.45 Final Lot.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Dobbie.
2.45 —
3.15 Jadeer.
3.45 —
4.15 SCARLET BLADE (nap)
4.45 Cotton On Quick.

By Michael Seely

2.45 Windbound Lass. 3.15 Jadeer.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 MULIA.

Going: firm **Draw: 5f-6f low numbers best**

2.15 ORLEANS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £959: 5f) (9 runners)

1	(8)	0	DOBBIE 14 (D Hunnisett) D Morley 9-0	Rae Guest	—
2	(9)	00	IRON KING 5 (C Sparrowhawk) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse	—
3	(4)	0	LLANGWARREN 28 (J Hurst) R Hoad 9-0	W Newnes	—
4	(1)	0	PAPER BOY 17 (R Clowes) A N Lee 9-0	S Cauthen	—
5	(7)		ALL AFLUTTER (A Snead) W Haggas 8-9	M Hills	—
6	(5)		BIRD BATH (S Hastings-Bass) R Sheather 8-9	NON-RUNNER	—
7	(3)		ME SPEDE (B Watson) J Scargill 8-9	G Bardwell (5)	—
8	(2)		JAY GEE (R Cheesewright) P Mitchell 9-0	S Whitworth	—
9	(6)		SULA'S LUCK (B Stevens) B Stevens 9-0	—	—

BETTING: 5-2 All Aflutter, 100-30 Dobbie, 4-1 Paper Boy, 5-1 Iron King, 7-1 Me Spede, 10-1 Jay Gee, 12-1 others.

1987: JUST JENNINGS 9-0 S Cauthen (Evens fav) G Lewis 8 ran

FORM DOBBIE (8-6) 6th stayed well at the finish when beaten 6l by Blue Money (8-11) at Folkestone (5f, £959, good to firm, Apr 11, 10 ran).
IRON KING (9-0) 6th was well supported when running a lifeless race to Howing Gael (9-0) at Epsom (5f, £2301, soft, Apr 20, 6 ran). A market move should be followed.
PAPER BOY (8-0) ran well for 3f when 11th to Generously Gem (8-0) at Kempton (5f, £2385, good, Apr 8, 19 ran).
ALL AFLUTTER By Beldale Flutter, foaled Jan 17, cost 6,000gns. Dam placed over 6f-1m.
JAY GEE Foaled Feb 4, cost IR7,500gns. A half-brother to 7f winner Mensa Man, dam a winner in Ireland over 1m 2f.
Selection: DOBBIE

2.45 TOWN PURSE HANDICAP (£2,253: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

2	(3)	04310-0	CATHERINE SCHRATT 16 (G) (D Hunnisett) R Smyth 4-9-10	M Roberts	92
3	(11)	0100-00	COMEDY SAIL 7 (CD,F) (O Zawawi) M Francis 4-9-3	S Cauthen	● 99
4	(2)	00100-4	MILLER'S TALE 18 (CD,F,G) (I Balding) I Balding 6-9-2	S O'Gorman (7)	94
6	(10)	14000-0	HONEY PLUM 16 (D,F) (Mrs J Backhouse) J O'Donoghue 4-9-0	B Rouse	97
7	(1)	0/0000-0	CASTLE HEIGHTS 16 (J Daniels) R Akehurst 4-8-12	S Whitworth	—
8	(7)	22003-4	SAY YOU 18 (T Prebble) P Howling 4-8-12	W R Swinburn	96
9	*(4)*	*0/3104-1*	*WINDBOUND LASS 18 (CD,F) (R Savery) R Holder 5-8-12 (7ex)*	*S Dawson*	93
12	(12)	1100-00	PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE 7 (D,F,S) (Miss J Lane) S Woodman 5-8-10	Paul Eddery	92
13	(5)	00401-2	MARSOOM 21 (G,S) (Mrs D Wells-Kendrew) H Beasley 6-8-8	R Morse (5)	96
16	(8)	00000-0	FRINGE OF GOLD 7 (A Richards) C Austin 4-8-2	G Bardwell (5)	90
17	(6)	0003/0-0	PRIOK 17 (W Wightman) W Wightman 5-8-1	B Crossley	86
18	(13)	000/0-0	FRAME OF POWER 14 (Mrs H McConville) R Simpson 5-7-10	—	—
21	(9)	00220-2	LADY WINDMILL 11J (S Cartmell) B Stevens 5-8-3	T Williams	96

BETTING: 7-2 Say You, 4-1 Windbound Lass, 5-1 Miller's Tale, 13-2 Catherine Schratt, 15-2 Comedy Sail, 9-1 Marsoom, 10-1 Priok, 12-1 others.

1987: REAL MOONSHINE 4-9-10 M Roberts (5-1) A Stewart 15 ran

FORM CATHERINE SCHRATT (8-7) unplaced to Sparky Lad (8-6) at Lingfield (7f, £2784, soft, Apr 9, 20 ran).
COMEDY SAIL (8-11) 5th beaten 10l by Staten Island (7-10) at Folkestone (1m 4f, £1375, good, Apr 18, 12 ran).
MILLER'S TALE (8-1) 4th stayed on well when beaten 4l by WINDBOUND LASS (7-11), won with something in hand, with LADY WINDMILL (7-9) 2nd staying on in the final furlong here (1m 4f, £2721, firm, Apr 7, 15 ran).
SAY YOU (7-12) 4th was never a serious threat beaten 11½l by Waterlow Park (7-12) here (1m 2f, £1536, firm, Apr 7, 21 ran).
MARSOOM (7-8) 2nd lost his lead close home beaten 2½l by The Footman (7-8) at Warwick (1m 2f, £1691, good to soft, Apr 4, 19 ran).
Selection: MARSOOM

3.15 PRINCE OF WALES GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,158: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

1	(5)	12-3	DALGAN 12 (S) (Prince A A Faisal) H Cecil 9-7	S Cauthen	90
4	(5)	0-0	DENRY 12 (F Keage) J O'Donoghue 9-0	D J Williams (5)	—
5	(2)	3	FIRST FORUM 31 (Forum Ltd) D Hanley 9-0	C Rutter	88
6	(4)	3-	JADEER 201 (BF) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	91
8	(7)	030-	KING WILLIAM 182 (BF) (W Said) N Callaghan 9-0	Paul Eddery	92
9	(1)	244002-	LOBRIC 175 (P Goulandris) D Laing 9-0	T Williams	88
11	(3)	22-2	MULIA 21 (BF) (Sir D Trescowthick) B Hills 90-0	M Hills	● 99

BETTING: 6-4 Jadeer, 11-4 Mulia, 9-2 Dalgan, 7-1 King William, 8-1 First Forum, 14-1 Lobric, 25-1 Denry.

1987: THAMEEN 9-7 R Hills (4-1) H Thomson Jones 7 ran

FORM DALGAN (8-8) 3rd failed to find much in the final furlong beaten 1½l, nk by Bildad (9-6) at Ripon (1m 1f, £2707, good, Apr 13, 19 ran).
FIRST FORUM (9-0) 3rd kept on when beaten 8l by *Alkinor Rex (9-0) at Doncaster (1m, £959, soft, Mar* 25, 18 ran).
JADEER (9-0) 3rd lacked pace close home beaten 4l by Dust Devil (9-0) at Salisbury (7f, £1199, soft, Oct 7, 12 ran).
KING WILLIAM (9-0) 13th to Rowlandsons Trophy (9-0) at Nottingham (1m 2f, £959, good to soft, Oct 26, 20 ran).
LOBRIC (9-0) 2nd staying on well close home beaten 5l by Ghathanfar (9-0) at Lingfield (7f, £1788, good to soft, Nov 2, 13 ran).
MULIA (8-7) 2nd headed in the final furlong came again and just failed beaten sh by Nickle Plated (8-11) at Warwick (1m, £2452, good to soft, Apr 4, 5 ran).
Selection: MULIA

3.45 PETWORTH SELLING HANDICAP (£868: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

2	(5)	04300-0	CARPET CAPERS 28 (D Chaplin) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-9-11	A Clark	91
3	(4)	00/0300-	MINOBEE 189 (A Speake) J Bridger 4-9-8	Rachel Bridger (7)	80
5	(9)	00000-0	REGAL RHYTHM 13 (B) (D Clark) W Wightman 4-9-0	B Rouse	86
6	(8)	0/0000-0	BELLA GEORGINA 7 (P Piper) J Jenkins 4-8-11	N Day	—
7	(6)	000000-	MARTINSMOON 238 (G Watson) W G M Turner 3-8-11	T Williams	—
9	(2)	010-0	EXHAUST LADY 14 (F) (Maldvale Ltd) Miss B Sanders 3-8-5	B Crossley	90
10	(1)	400000-	GOODNIGHT MASTER 178 (A Russell) A Moore 4-7-13	C Rutter	98
11	(3)	0000-	STAR MILER 182 (A Alexander) J Bennett 3-7-12	S Dawson	87
13	(10)	000000-	BEWITCHING WIND 193 (T Marshall) M Usher 3-7-8	D McKay	—
15	(7)	0010-00	SEPTEMBER SNAP 11J (C,F) (R Wright) B Stevens 4-8-12	S Cauthen	● 99

BETTING: 3-1 Exhaust Lady, 4-1 September Snap, 9-2 Star Miler, 6-1 Goodnight Master, 7-1 Martinsmoon, 10-1 Bewitching Wind, 12-1 Minobee, 14-1 Regal Rhythm, 16-1 others.

1987: BEE-KAY-ES 4-8-0 S Dawson (13-2) R Holder 13 ran

FORM CARPET CAPERS (9-1) 9th to Exhaust Man (8-13) at Folkestone (1m 2f, £1009, soft, Mar 28, 15 ran).
REGAL RHYTHM (8-8) 8th beaten 19½l by Plan Of Attack (8-11) at Wolverhampton (1m 4f, £919, good to soft, Apr 12, 12 ran).
EXHAUST LADY (8-2) 9th to Staten Island (8-10) at Folkestone (1m 2f, £1329, good to firm, Apr 11, 11 ran).
STAR MILER (9-0) tailed off behind Turbine Blade (9-0) at Nottingham (1m 2f, £959, good to soft, Oct 26, 16 ran).
SEPTEMBER SNAP (8-11) unplaced to Lady Homily (8-4) here (7f, £992, firm, Apr 7, 18 ran).
Selection: REGAL RHYTHM

4.15 SIDNEY THOMPSON MEMORIAL EBF STAKES (£3,505: 1m) (12 runners)

1	(7)	22120-0	BAKIYR 5 (F) (Dewhresh Mushrooms) J Jenkins 4-9-10	N Day	—
2	(6)	1/0121-0	SCARLET BLADE 12 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-9-10	S Cauthen	95
3	(12)	1200-	TONY GALVIN 235 (I Tomazos) C Nelson 5-9-10	A Clark	—
4	(8)	0/110-00	OLYMPIC TIMES 17 (D,G,S) (Running Horse Ltd) R Akehurst 6-9-7	S Whitworth	61
7	(2)	002010-	LUZUM 184 (B,D,F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 4-9-4	R Hills	● 99
8	(9)	000000-	MARSH HARRIER 202 (CD,F) (F Hill) A Moore 7-9-4	B Rouse	50
9	(4)	334-	AFSHOUN 297 (BF) (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 4-9-0	W R Swinburn	98
10	(10)		ANFIELD'S STAR (Mrs E O'Sullivan) M McCormack 4-9-0	Paul Eddery	—
11	(1)	02312/0	BEAU GUEST 2 (G) (Mrs C Darby) R Simpson 6-9-0	—	—
12	(3)		COEUR DE MIEL (H Ali) A Stewart 4-9-0	M Roberts	—
13	(5)	00-	CONNABEE 259 (Mrs B Serjeant) S Woodman 4-9-0	S Dawson	—
15	(11)	2314-4	ALWAYS ALONE 21 (G) (W Farish III) I Balding 3-7-8	E Johnson	84

BETTING: 9-4 Always Alone, 100-30 Luzum, 9-2 Afshoun, 11-2 Scarlet Blade, 10-1 Coeur De Miel, 20-1 Bakiyr, 25-1 others.

1987: PRESIDIUM 5-9-4 S Cauthen (15-8 fav) H Cecil 13 ran

FORM BAKIYR (9-0) 5th to Grimesgill (9-0) at Pontefract (1m 2f, 3733, good, Apr 20, 7 ran).
SCARLET BLADE (8-10) in need of the outing when 10th to Media Starguest (8-10) at Newmarket (1m 1f, £21762, good, Apr 13, 11 ran).
TONY GALVIN Greek colt, who won 8 of his 14 races in Greece, all over 7f.
LUZUM (8-9) 9th to Shady Heights (8-9) at Doncaster (1m, £23139, good, Oct 26, 11 ran).
AFSHOUN (9-0) 4th lost his lead 2f out when beaten 8½l by Stern Lass (8-11) at Haydock (1m, £2497, good, July 3, 10 ran).
COEUR DE MIEL $1,000,000 yearling. Half-brother to 3 winners in the United States.
ALWAYS ALONE (9-4) 4th beaten 6¾l by Ballad Dancer (8-11) at Warwick (6f, £959, Apr 4, 12 ran).
Selection: AFSHOUN

4.45 CORNFLANS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,176: 6f) (13 runners)

1	(1)	134D243-2	COTTON ON QUICK 7 (D,G) (A Bailey) A Bailey 9-7	S Cauthen	96
2	(4)	3003-4	MASSA 26 (B,BF) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 9-6	N Day	85
4	(2)	310-00	ONLY IN GEST 10 (G) (T Wood) J Pearce 9-3	W Newnes	90
5	(8)	000030-	CHUMMY'S GIRL 209 (F,S) (Mrs L Redden) N Callaghan 8-13	Paul Eddery	91
6	(13)	0300-0	BETTER BUY BAILEYS 21 (G R Bailey Ltd) G Blum 8-13	R Hills	89
7	(9)	402-	FANTASIE IMPROMPTU 175 (Lady Clague) J Winter 8-12	W R Swinburn	93
8	(12)	000-1	FINAL LOT 7 (D,G) (G Bishop) R Smyth 8-11	S Whitworth	98
9	(6)	004-30	MOST INTERESTING 13 (Mrs C Feather) W Haggas 8-11	M Hills	91
10	(5)	300012-	ERWIN BACH 179 (D,S) (Lord Vestey) D Morley 8-11	Rae Guest	● 99
12	(10)	040000-	RUMTREE 188 (J Lazzari) R Hannon 8-6	B Rouse	80
13	(3)	300-4	DURATIVE 18 (A Richards) C Austin 8-5	G Bardwell (5)	98
14	(7)	00-0	MAY PIN 29 (J Jennings Ltd) G Lewis 8-3	G Sexton	89
15	*(11)*	*0000-0*	*DAWES OF NELSON 18 (M Calder) M Bolton 8-3*	C Rutter	74

BETTING: 4-1 Erwin Bach, 9-2 Fantasie Impromptu, 5-1 Durative, 6-1 Final Lot, 13-2 Cotton On Quick, 8-1 Chummy's Girl, 10-1 Most Interesting, 12-1 others.

1987: SEGOVIAN 7-7 G French (33-1) W Wightman 15 ran

FORM COTTON ON QUICK (9-1) 2nd could not quicken with FINAL LOT (8-5), *made all to win well, beaten ¾l at Folkestone (6f,* £1008, good, Apr 18, 13 ran).
MASSA (9-0) 4th beaten 25l by Solo Artist (9-0) at Hamilton (1m, £936, heavy, Mar 30, 6 ran).
CHUMMY'S GIRL (7-10) 14th to Gun Lady (8-10) at Nottingham (6f, £2250, good to firm, Sep 29, 20 ran).
FANTASIE IMPROMPTU (8-11) 2nd failed to quicken when beaten 1l by Athene Noctua (8-11) at Leicester *(6f, £1633, soft, Nov 2, 9 ran).*
MOST INTERESTING (8-5) 5th beaten 4l by Sayyaf's Lad (7-7) at Wolverhampton (5f, £2250, good to soft, *Apr 12, 17 ran).*
ERWIN BACH (9-8) 2nd beaten 4l to Tyrian Belle (8-7) here (6f, £959, good to soft, Oct 29, 13 ran).
DURATIVE (9-0) 4th stayed on at one pace when beaten 7l, nk to Silver Fling (9-4) here (6f, £2047, firm, Apr 7, 10 ran).
Selection: ERWIN BACH

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	10	19	52.6	M Roberts	10	34	29.4
A Stewart	10	24	41.7	M Hills	6	31	19.4
I Balding	10	33	30.3	R Hills	9	47	19.1
H Thomson Jones	9	33	27.3	Paul Eddery	7	38	18.4
B Hills	6	25	24.0	W Swinburn	7	42	16.7
M Stoute	5	22	22.7	S Cauthen	12	74	16.2

WOLVERHAMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Valldemosa.
3.00 Thatched Court.
3.30 SPARKY LAD (nap).
4.00 L'Addition.
4.30 Sailor's Mate.
5.00 Tancred Walk.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 Crosby.
3.00 Floret.
3.30 Milan Fair.
4.00 Warring States.
4.30 Catawba.
5.00 —

Michael Seely's selection: 3.30 JOVEWORTH (nap).

Going: good to firm **Draw: 5f, high numbers best**

2.30 WOMBOURNE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £972: 5f) (18 runners)

1	(2)		CROSBY (J Etherton) J Payne 9-0	R Cochrane	—
2	(4)		DOCTOR'S REMEDY (T Coleman) M Tate 9-0	A Proud	—
3	(8)	0	ELOFAHABIT 14 (D Brereton) L Barratt 9-0	J Reid	—
5	(12)	2	MUMMYS LAD 6 (M Gosse) N Tinkler 9-0	Kim Tinkler	90
6	(5)		NICKLE JOE (T Coleman) M Tate 9-0	S Keightley	—
13	(15)	0	SHEIKH'S PET 11 (Sheikh M Al Sabah) G Fytche 9-0	T Ives	83
14	(14)		SINCLAIR BOY (Sinclair Dev Ltd) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	—
15	(9)	00	SWINGING NOE JOE 10 (J Stevens) M Usher 9-0	A McGlone	—
17	(17)		ZAMORE (Lady D Avigdor-Goldsmid) N Vigors 9-0	P Cook	—
18	(10)		ALTO VOICE (Mrs N Sampson) P Cole 8-9	T Quinn	—
19	(6)		BECKY PEEPSIGHT (Crescent Ltd) M Brittain 8-9	M Wigham	—
20	(7)		EARTHY NOTE (J Cartwright) D H Jones 8-9	G Baxter	—
21	(11)		FONTLET (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 8-9	W Ryan	—
22	(3)		HELLO SWEETIE (J Ennis) M H Easterby 8-9	M Birch	—
25	(13)	0	PARTON EXPRESS 16 (W Ling) Mrs C Reavey 8-9	I Johnson	80
26	(1)	0	RAISE MEMORIES 14 (R Shaw) B McMahon 8-9	M Lynch (5)	—
27	*(16)*		*ROSIE MAY DICKINS (Dickins Ltd) J Berry 8-9*	K Darley	—
29	(18)	2	VALLDEMOSA 14 (Heathavon Stables Ltd) J Berry 8-9	J Carroll	● 99

BETTING: 3-1 Zamore, 4-1 Crosby, 11-2 Fontlet, 7-1 Sheikh's Pet, 8-1 Valldemosa, 10-1 Mummy's Lad, Hello Sweetie, 12-1 Alto Voice, 14-1 others.

1987: MARLEY SUPALITE 8-11 P Cook (1-2 fav) M Haynes 4 ran

3.0 TRYSULL SELLING HANDICAP (£1,041: 1m 1f) (24 runners)

1	(17)	10000-0	ICARUS 18 (F) (J Livock) D R Tucker 4-10-0	J Carr (5)	90
2	(4)	4/40000-	ACHNAHUAIGH 9J (J M Bradley) J M Bradley 4-9-9	J Williams	95
3	(8)	00030-0	TUFTY LADY 5 (B,F) (Mrs J Young) I Campbell 4-9-8	V Smith (5)	87
4	(24)	00000-	HAMRAHI 149J (T Goodes) C Charlet 4-9-7	R Price (7)	80
5	(16)	0/0000-0	PORTENTOUS 20 (P Lacy) G Thorner 4-9-4	R Wernham	80
6	(15)	330020-	FLIRTING 203 (R Fry) J Old 4-9-3	R Fox	90
7	(19)	233220-	BALIDUCK 153J (Mrs J Lewis) F Jordan 4-9-2	M Wigham	67
8	(13)	0000-30	LADY LUCINA 14 (BF) (C Harrison) F Jordan 4-8-13	A Boxall (7)	90
9	(22)	0330-20	DESIGN WISE 4 (F) (Full Circle D Plc) N Tinkler 4-8-13	Kim Tinkler	91
10	(6)	0040-	KID MCCOY 233 (F Lee) F H Lee 3-8-12	S Perks	84
11	(20)	0000-00	TYRIAN PRINCESS 13 (B,F) (A Sadik) J Cosgrave 4-8-11	S Keightley	—
13	(10)	0000/00-	FINGERS CROSSED 11J (G Nicholls) K Morgan 4-8-9	NON RUNNER	—
14	(3)	00200-0	FLORET 18 (A Goldson) Pat Mitchell 4-8-9	R Cochrane	80
15	(21)	00000-0	JUST SOMETHING 13 (Mrs M Price) B Preece 4-8-7	N Howe	86
16	(5)	2000-	THATCHED COURT 193 (M Blanshard) M Blanshard 3-8-7	N Adams	97
17	*(7)*	*300-*	*SANTAC 174 (Miss C Jacques) M Tomkins 3-8-5*	Aziz Al Reda (7)	84
20	(11)	0/01000-	SARASOTA 256J (F) (Mrs S Penfold) J Roberts 4-8-3	*P Cook*	● 98
22	(14)	00040-0	ODIAXERE 21 (H McEwen) W Morris 4-8-2	S Wood (7)	—
23	(23)	323000/	BIOTIN 20J (Mrs M Whittle) Mrs A Knight 4-8-2	T Lang (7)	—
24	(2)	00000-0	HASTY SARAH 18 (R Martin) W Brooks 4-8-1	T Quinn	98
25	(18)	14130-0	THE WHITE LION 19 (G,S) (W Holland) J Glover 4-8-1	G Carter	90
26	(12)	00302-0	BIRDLESS GROVE 21 (Mrs D Ferrett) K White 4-8-1	M Lynch (5)	92
27	(9)	0/42034-	BLOW FOR HOME 191 (A Smith) A Smith 4-8-0	S Webster	85
28	*(1)*	*000-*	*WESSEX MILORD 264 (P Bennett) J Bennett 3-7-13*	J Lowe	—

BETTING: 4-1 Birdless Grove, 5-1 Santac, 11-2 Thatched Court, 7-1 Flirting, 8-1 Baliduck, 9-1 Blow For Home, 10-1 Design Wise, 12-1 The White Lion, Lady Lucina, 14-1 Floret, 16-1 others.

1987: SICA SUE 4-7-7 F Martinez (16-1) H Rohan 14 ran

3.30 BIRCHES BRIDGE HANDICAP (£2,947: 7f) (17 runners)

1	(6)	21-4011	JOVEWORTH 10 (F,G,S) (D Cooper) J Glover 5-10-0 (7ex)	S Williams (7)	90
2	(15)	0400-00	COINCIDENTAL 17 (D,G,S) (M Shone) J Edwards 6-9-10	G Duffield	93
3	(14)	0033-00	GRUNDY LANE 10 (S) (B Morgan) B Morgan 6-9-5	G Hind (7)	91
4	(12)	0-23231	GAELIC FOG 21 (D,S) (E Evans) C Nelson 3-9-3	J Reid	85
5	(7)	340000-	EMPEROR HOTFOOT 23J (Wall Bros Ltd) C Spares 4-9-2	A Proud	92
7	(3)	04004-0	BELOW ZERO 13 (D,F,G,S) (D Evans) D Wintle 5-9-1	C McNamee	95
8	(5)	00040-1	SPARKY LAD 16 (D,F,G,S) (J Clark) J Jenkins 5-9-1 (7ex)	R Cochrane	94
9	(8)	00/0-0	MAY BELFORT 13 (C Turner) J M Bradley 4-8-13	N Adams	—
10	(10)	20230-0	SUPER LUNAR 17 (Mrs J Hopkins) L Cottrell 4-8-13	T Lang (7)	98
12	(11)	02200-0	ONE MAN BAND 12 (D Adams) Mrs S Oliver 4-8-11	B Raymond	98
13	(17)	000/4-30	MILAN FAIR 21 (BF) (A Richards) C Brittain 4-8-11	W Carson	96
14	(13)	00000-0	JOKIST 31 (F,G,S) (J Virgo) P Cundell 5-8-11	R Street	—
15	(16)	020011-	APRIL FOOL 217 (V,F,G) (Mrs E Robbins) L Cottrell 6-8-11	I Johnson	93
16	(1)	101333-	PINCTADA 98J (D,G,S) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 6-8-8	J Curant	94
18	(9)	02400-3	VORTRACK 17 (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-5	A Culhane (5)	95
19	(4)	00/000-0	SINCLAIR LADY 31 (F) (Sinclair Dev Ltd) R Hollinshead 4-8-6	S Perks	—
20	(2)	043000-	LITTLE SACY 257 (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 4-8-5	J Williams	● 99

BETTING: 3-1 Milan Fair, 11-2 Super Lunar, Sparky Lad, 6-1 Gaelic Fog, Joveworth, 7-1 Pinctada, Below Zero, 10-1 others.

1987: CONCERT PITCH 8-7-13 T Williams (8-1) B Palling 14 ran

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103	(12)	0-0432	GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0	B West (4)	88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.0 NEW INVENTION CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,365: 5f) (20 runners)

2	(5)	42330-0	WARRING STATES 18 (D,F) (H Wenrebe) M Jarvis 9-7	B Raymond	93
5	(6)	03-0	JENNY'S PET 21 (H Yates) R Hollinshead 8-11	S Perks	86
8	(2)	00	WATTLEDAUB 9 (D Wakefield) P Cundell 8-11	P Cook	—
9	(1)	000-14	SAYYAF'S LAD 7 (CD,S) (F Garvin) C Spares 8-7	A Proud	90
11	*(20)*	*32000-0*	*BLUE DISC 14 (Dealmatch Int Ltd) J Jenkins 8-3*	W Carson	84
12	(13)	0000-04	L'ADDITION 13 (D,S) (S Berry) J Berry 8-3	J Carroll	98
13	(18)	000-	LOVELY JENNIFER 181 (Mrs C Ryan) R O'Leary 8-3	K Fallon (5)	—
14	(19)	00-	REGAL TIGER 268 (Miss J Thorne) Miss J Thorne 8-3	J Carr (5)	—
15	(14)	42000-3	HINARI HI FI 10 (Hinari Con Elect Ltd) M Johnston 8-2	NON RUNNER	90
16	(9)	000-00	MISS DIONYSOS 13 (Mrs P Cosgrave) J Cosgrave 8-2	R Fox	—
19	(11)	02200-0	FAIR KATRINA 13 (N Vigors) N Vigors 8-1	A Whitehall (7)	96
20	(7)	310200-	BALLERINA LADY 209 (CD,F,S) (B Eddishaw) D H Jones 8-0	Dale Gibson (5)	● 99
21	*(3)*	*330000-*	*BLOXWICH PRINCESS 182 (J Ritter) B Preece 8-0*	N Howe	89
22	(16)	0-0	ROMANY BELLE 23 (BF) (W Ponsonby) P Cole 8-0	T Quinn	87
23	(10)	0000-00	FOOL TO CRY 13 (V) (P Barrett) B Morgan 7-12	G Hind (7)	88
24	(17)	00-	MISS OXSTALL'S 283 (R Evans) J M Bradley 7-12	N Adams	—
25	(4)	00000-0	SAINT NAVARRO 5 (B) (Mrs M Fletcher) B McMahon 7-12	A Mackay	91
27	(12)	002040-	TAMI 195 (B) (M McCourt) M McCourt 7-12	A Tucker (7)	85
28	(15)	0	THE COTTAGE 14 (Mrs L Crofts) A Hide 7-11	J Quinn (5)	—
29	(8)	34000-0	BALTANA 3 (D,F) (M Brittain) M Brittain 7-8	J Lowe	89

BETTING: 9-4 Ballerina Lady, 4-1 Warring States, 9-2 Baltana, 7-1 Romany Belle, 8-1 L'Addition, 10-1 Tami, 12-1 Sayyafs Lad, 14-1 others.

1987: BAG O'RHYTHM 8-12 M Hills (4-7 fav) J Hindley 8 ran

4.30 WHITELADIES MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £822: 1m 4f) (20 runners)

1	(3)	00-	AUNTIE NICK 200 (J Hill) C Brittain 8-11	G Baxter	—
2	(17)		CATAWBA (Lord H de Walden) H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan	—
3	(1)	0034-0	COOGEE GIRL 18 (A Krishnan) M Jarvis 8-11	B Raymond	95
4	(10)	000-	FANTASQUE 174 (T Minahan) Pat Mitchell 8-11	A Dumin (7)	—
5	(7)	0-0	JIVING IVE 7 (G Chequer) D A Wilson 8-11	J Curant	—
6	(12)	0-	KATHY COOK 174 (Mrs C Cooper) R Hollinshead 8-11	A Culhane (5)	—
7	(18)	04-	LAST SHOWER 202 (Lord Carnarvon) I Balding 8-11	T Ives	92
8	(5)		LIASON DANGEREUSE (Mrs N Myers) K M Brassey 8-11	P Cook	—
10	(14)	0-	LOVEVILLE 214 (L Stratton) Mrs L Piggott 8-11	J Reid	—
11	(2)	0-	LULA BLAKE 276 (T Kinsey) R Peacock 8-11	A Proud	—
13	(20)	4	*MURJAAN 14 (B Hanbury) B Hanbury 8-11*	M Rimmer	98
14	(19)	0000-	NEVER AFRAID 177 (Mrs A Upsdell) Mrs C Reavey 8-11	I Johnson	86
15	(15)	0-	RASTANNORA 174 (F Salman) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	—
16	(4)	03-	SAILOR'S MATE 189 (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-11	W Carson	● 99
18	(9)		SEAL COVE (I Wills) R Casey 8-11	M Birch	—
21	(16)	0000-	SHOREHAM LADY 223 (Mrs H Rohan) H Rohan 8-11	S Morris	73
22	(6)	000-	SOUTIEN 203 (Mrs S Marks) J King 8-11	R Cochrane	—
23	(13)	0-0	TAFFIDALE 13 (E Moller) G Wragg 8-11	G Duffield	—
24	*(8)*	*30-3*	*WAHSHIYA 19 (H Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 8-11*	*P D'Arcy*	97
25	(11)		WINTER NIGHTFALL (C Cyzer) S Norton 8-11	J Lowe	—

BETTING: 9-4 Catawba, 100-30 Sailors Mate, 9-2 Wahshiya, 7-1 Murjaan, 8-1 Coogie Girl, 12-1 Last Shower, 14-1 Taffidale, Rastannora, 16-1 others.

1987: QUEEN MIDAS 8-11 W Ryan (85-40 fav) H Cecil 10 ran

5.0 MOLINEUX HANDICAP (£2,624: 1m 4f) (20 runners)

1	(4)	0-010	VELDA 10 (S) (S Taberner) J Mackie 6-9-12	M Birch	93
2	(3)	210/240-	HAMLOUL 21J (G) (Mrs H Duffey) K Bailey 5-9-8	R Cochrane	92
4	(5)	42301-0	CEDESA 7 (F) (J Livock) J Jenkins 4-9-6	T Ives	93
5	(20)	030001-	RUSSIAN LULLABY 9J (V,G) (Mrs Y Sixter) Mrs S Oliver 4-9-6	B Raymond	89
6	(12)	220101-	TANCRED WALK 294 (C,F,G) (K Maile) C Jackson 9-9-5	A McGlone	90
7	(13)	00410-0	CHICO VALDEZ 21 (V,S) (F Lee) F H Lee 4-8-11	S Perks	● 99
8	(2)	4000-43	LYRICAL LOVER 21 (R Mcquel) R Holder 4-8-11	J Reid	96
11	(17)	0/002-00	VICKSTOWN 27 (CD,G) (Home & Trade Ltd) B Morgan 6-8-6	G Duffield	89
12	(19)	3000-00	CELTIC DOVE 7 (Mrs V Price) G Price 5-8-5	J Williams	98
15	(11)	0340-00	CONVINCING 20 (Mrs P Joynes) J Spearing 4-8-4	W Carson	97
16	(15)	011004-	OCEAN HOUND 189 (D,G,S) (P Bowditch) L Cottrell 4-8-4	T Lang (7)	95
17	(16)	20000/0	PATERNOSTER ROW 11J (V,F,S) (T Hopkins) M Eckley 9-8-3	Dana Mellor (5)	—
20	(7)	00000/4	HOLLY BROWN 21 (Mrs H Collins) P Hobbs 5-8-1	G Carter	90
21	(18)	00000/0-	HOT GEM 198J (S) (M Nickless) Mrs S Oliver 5-8-1	G Hind (7)	—
25	(6)	422000-	PAY DIRT 31J (B) (R Harris) M Tate 4-7-10	A Proud	87
26	(8)	0000/	BELS ANGEL 11J (N Connop) R Hollinshead 6-7-9	A Culhane (5)	—
29	(14)	3210/00-	ANGIES VIDEO 308 (G) (S Martin) J M Bradley 6-7-7	N Adams	—
30	(9)	0000/32-	AVERON 23J (S) (W Wildman) C Wildman 8-7-7	J Lowe	92
32	(1)	000/	ROYAL CRUSADER 47J (R Darlington) M James 5-7-7	N Carlisle	—
33	(10)	0900-04	PRETTY FLY 7 (F Davies) A W Jones 8-7-7	D Montgomery (7)	80

Long handicap: Angies Video 7-6 Averon 7-4, Royal Crusader 6-11, Pretty Fly 6-3.

BETTING: 4-1 Cedesa, 11-2 Chico Valdez, 7-1 Hamloul, Averon, Russian Lullaby, 8-1 Vickstown, 10-1 Tancred Walk, 12-1 Velda, Ocean Hound, 14-1 Holly Brown, 16-1 others.

1987: VERONICA ANN 4-9-6 J Reid (2-1 fav) C Nelson 8 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	12	23	52.2	R Wernham	5	16	31.3
W Hern	8	27	29.6	W Carson	18	99	18.2
N Vigors	7	32	21.9	J Reid	18	102	17.6
M McCourt	5	23	21.7	W Ryan	8	50	16.0
C Nelson	6	30	20.0	R Cochrane	10	64	15.6
C Brittain	5	28	17.9	G Carter	5	37	13.5

Point-to-point results from 13 meetings

ATHERSTONE HUNT: Hunt: 1, True Tip (M Arthers); 2, St Austell Bay (P Bennett), 3, Chevron Blue (M Hewitt). Adj: 1, Mister Skip (Mrs T Elwell); 2, Fury Manor (G Tarry); 3, Lollys Patch (C Mann). Open: 1, White City Boy (J Newton); 2, Sidewinder (J Pickering); 3, True Bloom (G Tarry). Ladies: 1, Egbert (Miss C Mumford), 2, Highgate Lady (Mrs E Newton); 3, Badyo (Miss A Lakin). Rest: 1, Durban Gold (J Wrathall), 2, Couture Colour (T Eley); 3, Wish For More (J Trice-Rolfe). Mdn I: 1, Sunday Champers (J Wrathall); 2, Topiki (A Sansome); 3, Singing Story (M Arthers). Mdn II: 1, Pernikity (J Greenall); 2, Gillian's Pet (Mrs J Burton), 3, Wedding Song (J Wrathall).
BRAMHAM MOOR: Adj: 1, Karakter Reference (Miss S Easterby); 2, Potterway (P Atkinson); 3, Wold Song (T Corrigan-Clarke). Ladies: 1, Renshaw Wood (Mrs A Farrell); 2, Moons Quadrille (Mrs J Brown); 3 Clanad (Miss S Horner). Open: 1, Douglas Brig (N Hargreave), 2, Ingleby Star (N Tutty); 3, Courageous Owl (C Musgrave). Rest: 1, Jelupe (R Sandys-Clarke), 2, Timbolum (N F Smith); 3, Smullyan (R Tate). Mdn: 1, Final Chant (P Swiers); 2, Certain Rhythm (M Sowersby); 3, Printer (M Atkinson). Hunt: 1, Le Prat D'Or (S Whitaker); 2, Come On Flower (W Burnell), 3, Miss Broadfields (M Sowersby).
CHESHIRE: CHESHIRE: Hunt: 1, Kyme Warrior (J Barlow); 2, That's Great Anyway (S Crank); 3, Bonnie Member (J Taylor). Adj: 1, Cute Pam (S Brookshaw); 2, Night Sale (J Griffiths); 3, General Sandon (J Tellright). *Times Restricted:* 1, Bryn Glas (J Groucott); 2, Eastern Chant (C Stockton); 3, In Hand (A Griffiths). Ladies: 1, Jopajuscha (Miss L Crow); 2, Skewsby (Mrs K Dicken); 3, Smito Hill (Miss A Swindell). Open: 1, Sunday School (S Dicken), 2, Irish Road (S Crank); 3, More Cloud (J Lovegrove-Fielden). Mdn: 1, Bonny Rymer (M Williamson); 2, Mister Ed (Miss L Crow); 3, Head Cook (W Barlow).
DARTMOOR HUNT: 1, Meant (Miss A Turner); 2, Sugar Hall (P Hosegood); 3, Varac (K Heard). Adj: 1, Stories Gold (S West); 2 Guruvayoor (C Crosthwaite); 3, River Tamar (D Stephens). Open: 1, Dicky Blob (P Scholfield); 2, Hard Touch (T Greed); 3, Dusky Heart (G Penfold). Ladies: 1, For A Lark (Mrs J Mills); 2, Sauntrass (Miss A Turner); 3, Aqua Verde (Miss V Williams); BFSS: 1, Never Daemed (Miss P Fisher); 2, Roscoe Spare (P Hosegood); 3, Celtix Express (P Scholfield). Mdn: 1, Tartan Tomahawk (P Scholfield); 2, Glen Sheban (G Penfold); 3, What An Experience (Miss A Turner).
EAST SUSSEX & ROMNEY MARSH: Hunt: 1, Gazo Mwe (Miss G Glessing); 2, Grand Cheval (G Wragg); 3, Ballysure (N Hacking). Adj: 1, Miller Hill (C Willet); 2, Colonel Henry (M Davies); 3, Betty's Pearl (Miss A Harwood). Open: 1, Why Forget (M Davies); 2, Tartan Triumph (A Greig); 3: Motor Bike Man (D Robinson). Ladies: 1, Good Looking Bird (Mrs D Grissell); 2, Just a Ghost (Miss S French); 3, Gay Fish (Miss S Gladders). Rest: 1, King Viv (C Willett); 2, Dynetto (P Bull), 3, Osins Moon (P Hacking). Mdn I: 1, M'Lira (A Hickman); 2, Santamer Lass (Miss S French); 3, Carnival Isle (A Welsh). Mdn II: 1, Highland Mary (N Hacking), 2, Country Spark (R Dickson); 3, Tempestuous (J Hickman). Traditional: 1, Stornaway (C Marsh); 2, Lucky Penny (S Aird); 3, Septimus (Mrs M Osborne).
ESSEX & SUFFOLK: Hunt: 1, Touchez Le Bois (S Scallon); 2, Goldhill Vulgan (Mrs L Gibbon); 3, Wordsworth (Miss A Brasted). Rest: 1, Freedom of Thought (W Barber); 2, Tinas Son (Mrs A Holman); 3 Spenamo (A Wright). Ladies: 1, Bold Fisher (Mrs L Gibbon); 2, Lifeseal (Miss S Wallwyn); 3, Days Gorse (Miss T Bracegirdle). Open: 1, Stanwick Lad (J Sharpe); 2, Lisarda (P Harding-Jones), 3, Castles-In-The-Air (W Wales). Adj: 1, Fort Hall (D Cantillon); 2, Super Brat (W Wales); 3, Corragary (P Harding-Jones). Mdn: 1, Golden Sherry (Miss J H Hodge); 2, Baltazzi (S Cowell); 3, Unknown Martyr (N Bloom).
FIFE: Hunt: 1, Ferneyhill Lady (Miss O Niven); 2, Marcus Audacious (J Bradburne), 3, Vulgan's Strike (J Gilmour). Rest: 1, Ashbender (J Grossick); 2, Paravel (R Green); 3, Sweet Henry (Miss G Patterson). Ladies: 1, Milly L'Attaque (Miss R Brewis); 2, Kimswa (Mrs V Jackson); 3, Eye Valley (Miss D Calder). Open: 1, Cheerie Chief (G Robinson); , Mr Spot (R Shiels); 3 Turicutter (C Dudgeon). Adj: 1, Dundyvan (R Shiels), 2, Or To Be (J Mactaggart) only 2 fin. Mdn: 1, Interim Lib (Mrs S Bradburne); 2, Letter Boy (C Campbell) only 2 fin.
GROVE & RUFFORD: Traditional: 1, Beau Giselle (P Greet); 2, Ryan (W Walker), 3, Fidget (N Dennis). Adj: 1, Cawker Dyke (Mrs J Dawson); 2, Batts Bay (B Crawford), 3, Just Mick (N Connors). Open: 1, Castle Official (A Pickering); 2, Able Sailor (B Crawford); 3, Kelly's Bridge (S Andrews). Ladies: 1, Sweet Diana (Mrs J Dawson), 2, Wadswick Lad (Mrs S Nicholson), 3, Tallygrand (Miss M Crawford). PPOA: 1, Pendor (C Beilby); 2, Moysprint (Mrs M Bissell); 3, Mills Allegiance (Mrs J Dawson). Mdn: 1, Gamesmanship (B Crawford), 2, Pirate Rock (S Andrews); 3, Checky Monkey (S Robinson). Hunt: 1, Ascenbor (T Wrigley); 2, Le Jacobin (P Geer); 3, Le Sarthois (G Vere-Laurie).
PEGASUS: Farmers: 1, Scotch on the Rock (Miss J Pidgeon); 2, Prince Pippin (C Manotti); 3, Highway String (J Pritchard). Ladies: 1, Cheekie Chappie (Mrs S Reynolds); 2, The Old Poacher (Miss J Pidgeon); 3, Tasapple (Mrs J Gault). Mbrs: 1, Kingsbourne Land (M Connell); 2, Lady Almscliffe (Miss M Maher); 3, The Clown (Sir R Scott). Open: 1, Hand Signal (T Illsley); 2, Metela (L Lay), 3, The Clown (Sir R Scott) Open: 1, Hand Signal (T Illsley), 2, Metela (L Lay); 3, Hectic Flight (R Lawther). Rest: 1 Valued Opinion (J McGlenaghan); 2, Sandboy (J Weatherby); 3, Trasi Baby (R Lawther). Mdn: 1, Beechwood Lad (Mrs J Saunders), 2 Bill Cornwall (A Tutton), only 2 fin

PENYRCH: Hunt: 1, Ratochnu (P Hamer); 2, Immortal Man (T Jones), 3, Saspring (J Commins). Adj: 1, Ashburton (Mrs J Willms), 2, Lost Alpen (T Jones), 3, Rushbeds (T Rooney). Open: 1, Knock On The Head (P Hamer), 2, Shirley Crepella (Miss S Morgan), 3, Lucngello (P L Thomas). Ladies: 1, Sweet Rascal (Miss P Jones), 2, Mayetta Crescent (Mrs C Less), 3, The Irish Rhine (Miss N Williams). The Times Rest: 1, Cefn Caris (D S Jones), 2, St Helens Boy (J Tudor), 3, Dark Acres (J Warner). Mdn I: 1, Marston Moor (P Hamer); 2, Celtic Ramourse (Miss P Jones), 3, Bridesbay Boy (J Thomas). Mdn II: 1, Fine Sands (R Rooney); 2, Royal Masterpiece (P Hamer), 3, Lady Lavena (J Tudor).

SEAVINGTON: Hunt: 1, Brickyard (Miss J Southcombe); 2, Freeze Frame (R Buckley); 3, Red Ally (Miss P Calling). Adj: 1, Royal Buskins (J Sprake), 2, Huntworth (A Walter), 3, Coney Castle (N Legge). Open: 1, Winterland (J Farthing), 2, Newman's Girl (C Maude), 3, Arish Mel (T Mitchell). Ladies: 1, Archies Nephew (Miss J Barrow), 2, Castle of May (Miss W Southcombe), 3, Pardilliza (Miss L Pocock). Rest: 1, Admiral Benbow (G Edwards), 2, Ekaytee (Mrs R Vickery); 3, Hammar Hill (A Mayo). Mdn I: 1, Spiriculate (R Trellogan), 2, Shove Off (Miss A Handel); 3, Mandrabelle (T Mitchell). Mdn II: 1, Romany Member (R Atkinson); 2, Armagnoch Boy (N Dunn), 3, Spinning Miss (R Westrop).

S & W WILTS: Hunt: 1, Flamingo Blaze (G Upton), 2, Coach Rd Express (R Nuttall), 3, Rio Bay (R Alner). Ladies: 1, Mister Bosun (Mrs J Liston), 2, Beau N'Idol (Miss P Magill), 3, Hi Darlin' (Mrs S Clarke). Open: 1, Trust The King (Dr P Pritchard), 2, Goldspun (M Felton), 3, The Britchin (G Upton). Adj: 1, Mermaids Daughter (R Nuttall), 2, Sir Mahoney (G Upton), 3, Run To Me (N Mitchell). BFSS: 1, Navigational Aid (M Felton), 2, Recycled (R Nuttall), 3, Redenham (G Maundrell).
WORCESTERSHIRE: Traditional: 1, Wilmid (J Willetts); 2, Charlie Check (Miss L Coopers); 3, Manchunian Ember (S Twinberrow). Hunt: 1, French Lieutenant (T Jackson), 2, Amethyst (D Trow), 3, Duesenberg (Mrs A Rucker). Adj: 1, Stockton Slave (J Edwards), 2, Magic Furlong (T Holland-Martin), 3, Captain Kelly (J Taylor). Open: 1, North Key (A Ulyet), 2, Norman Case (P Mathias), 3, Stand Firm (A James). Ladies: 1, Mac Alainn (Miss H McCaull); 2, Pining (Mrs K Smith-Maxwell), 3, Soldru (Miss E Walaker). Rest: 1, Master Spartan (W Bryan); 2, Gillogne Bridge (H Wheeler); 3, Mickley SecretLove (G Hanmer). Mdn: 1, Russki (J Edwards), 2, Roman Sea (M Wellings), 3, SaucySquirrel (A Ulyet).

Move against illegal betting

The Jockey Club has taken the first steps to wipe out the growing problem of illegal bookmaking on racecourses.

At Sandown on Saturday, a number of people were instructed by the Jockey Club's security officials that their presence on the course will only be tolerated if they keep out of the specific bookmaker areas in the ring.

Dunwoody's two-day ban

Richard Dunwoody has been suspended for two days (from May 2) for excessive use of the whip on Cranlome in Saturday's Midlands National at Uttoxeter. Cranlome, trained in Ireland by Michael "Mouse" Morris, was beaten a head in a tough finish with Knock Hill.

Dunwoody hit the 9-2 chance approximately 15 times from the second-last fence. The rider said: "I was aware of the new instructions, but it's a long way from the second-last and I wasn't counting."

It was his second offence this year — he was fined £100 at Huntingdon for using undue force on February 11.

● Michael Hammond, who was taken to North Tees General Hospital after a crashing fall at Sedgefield on Friday, was reported 'comfortable' yesterday. Hammond has a broken right leg *and fractures to* his left collar-bone and elbow.

SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Abbeybraney. 3.0 Gold Sceptre. 3.30 Golden Casino. 4.0 Dream Academy. 4.30 Secret Walk. 5.0 Holly Buoy. 5.30 Restanbethankful.

Brian Beel's selection: 3.30 Nobbanokker.

Going: good to firm

2.30 SAXBY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,096: 2m 74yd) (20 runners)

1	0231	TRAFALGAR BLUE 19 (G,S) R Scholey 8-12-2	D Browne
4	4130	KERSIL 18 (D,G,S) J Swiers 11-11-6	A Orkney
5	4330	TERRYASH 41 (D,G,S) M Chapman 9-11-5	S J O'Neill
6	P00P	TOM BROCK 59 (CD,F) K Morgan 10-11-5	H Davies
7	2000	VAGUELY ARTISTIC 18 (B,CD,F,S) G Hubbard 6-11-5	R Supple (4)
8	2000	FADA 11 (CD,G,S) J Bosley 11-11-4	M Bosley
9	U110	ASCENMOOR 10 (CD,BF,F,G,S) S Bowring 9-11-4	D Shaw
11	30P0	NEW KAYBER 9 (CD,F,G) Mrs G Jones 9-11-2	C Smith
15	4P40	INDIAN 9 (B,D,S) J Glover 8-11-1	P Tuck
16	21F3	HIGH IMP 23 (CD,F,G,S) S Christian 8-10-12	S Shilston
21	*812-*	*ABBEYBRANEY 357 (CD,BF,S) P Cundell 9-10-9*	R Stronge
22	0002	JAUNTER 21 (D,S) W Holden 8-10-6	K Townend
23	PP00	STEEL VENTURE 7 (B,D,F,S) A James 9-10-5	C Mann
24	/4-4	FAIR BABU 21 (CD,F,S) S Burt 14-10-5	Mr L Kirkby (7)
25	0-0U	TORY HILL LAD 135 (D,S) J Fox 8-10-4	M Williams
26	403P	KEYCORN 21 (B,D,G,S) J Blundell 8-10-4	C Grant
29	PPPP	INDIAN SIGNAL 41 (D,S) T Rollingson 9-10-2	M Furlong
31	0300	RIDE HIGH 9 (B) T Casey 10-10-1	R Beggan
32	*2-01*	*END OF THE ROAD 38 (D,G,S) J Perrett 8-10-0*	G Charles Jones
33	FFP	WOOTTON EARL 23 D Nicholson 7-10-0	R Dunwoody

BETTING: 3-1 Trafalgar Blue, 7-2 Abbeybraney, End Of The Road, 4-1 Jaunter, 6-1 Ascenmoor, 10-1 others.

3.0 RAINWORTH SELLING HURDLE (£1,010: 2m) (20)

2	PP00	LA BELLE OF SANTO 16 (D,F) B Wells 5-11-12	G Charles Jones
3	0000	BEL ARCTIC 14 (V) J Parkes 5-11-10	T Reed
4	00	BOSTON PRINT 30 R Woodhouse 5-11-10	B Ellison
5	300P	LORD IT OVER 14F J Jenkins 5-11-10	G Bradley
6	00	ORPHAN FRANK 349 P Allingham 5-11-10	Mr S Andrews
7	0P0P	JENIFER BROWNING 27 (B) J Swiers 5-11-5	Mr S Swiers (7)
8	0	MEAN DANCER 14 R O'Leary 5-11-5	J J Quinn
10	0-00	MRS PEPPERPOT 25 Mrs I McKie 5-11-5	L Harvey
11	00U4	QUIVERING 21 J Birkett 5-11-5	J O'Gorman (7)
14	0021	GOLD SCEPTRE 25F (D,F) N Tinkler 4-11-2	G McCourt
18	P0P	CRYSTAL BALL 33 (B) M Avison 4-10-9	R Marley (4)
19	0030	FIR TRADING 21 Miss S Wilton 4-10-9	M Dwyer
21	P	GOLD AMALGAM 16 (B) P Harvey 4-10-9	R Crank
23	000	JULIO'S LAD 143 (BF) W Clay 4-10-9	Diane Clay
25	2044	LOOSE RUCK 21 (BF) J Pearce 4-10-9	J McLaughlin
27		NO SHOUTING Mrs D Haine 4-10-9	—
28	000	SPRING FORWARD 7F R Peacock 4-10-9	P Niven
29	40P	SWIFT CHALLENGER 55 R Stubbs 4-10-9	D Wilkinson
30	P002	WAZN 21 (BF) I Campbell 4-10-9	R Campbell
34	4203	FINGERS CROSSED 11 K Morgan 4-10-4	R Dunwoody

BETTING: 11-10 Gold Sceptre, 7-2 Wazn, 13-2 Fingers Crossed, 8-1 Loose Ruck, 10-1 Fir Trading, 14-1 others.

3.30 RMC GROUP JAMES SEELY MEMORIAL HUNTER CHASE TROPHY (Amateurs: £1,807: 3m 110yd) (10)

2	2-11	GOLDEN CASINO 21 (CD,F,G,S) M Barthorpe 10-12-7	S Andrews
3	P30P	KINGSWOOD KITCHENS 21 (F,G) Mrs E Ludlow 8-12-7	P Clarke (7)
6	124F	NOBBANOKKER 10 (D,S) W A Stephenson 6-12-4	J Greenhall (4)
8	130-	GLORY SNATCHER 543 (D,F,G) K Darby 12-12-0	K Darby (7)
9	0244	PARISH RIGGED 44 (B,D,F,S) D Bloor 10-12-0	D Bloor (7)
13	P-4R	BIG BROWN BEAR 16 (D,G,S) G Barlow 11-11-7	J Barlow (7)
19	3224	LIKELY TALE 20 (G) D F Smith 10-11-7	N Smith (7)
21	0/3-	MANTON CASTLE 415 (D,G,S) Mrs J Goodall 14-11-7	B Crawford (7)
26	033-	POWDER HORN 339 (D,F,G) Mrs J Barr 11-11-2	N Tutty (7)
27	0304	TARVILLE 20 (D,G) J Parkq 10-11-7	Miss H McCall (7)

BETTING: 6-4 Golden Casino, 100-30 Nobbanokker.

4.0 LAXTON NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £685: 2m) (16)

1	21	*ARUM LILY 9 (D,F) N Tinkler 4-11-0*	G McCourt
3	P0/0	BARONY 3 J Swiers 7-10-13	Mr S Swiers (7)
5	4004	EMMADILL 21 C Trietline 8-10-13	P Scudamore
7	0	HILLCROP 46 D Greig 5-10-13	Dale McKeown
12	00	LISAKATY 49 Miss P Hall 5-10-13	T Woolley (7)
14	00	LOVERS DUET 73 M Wilkinson 5-10-13	C Llewellyn
16	-0B0	MOLINELLO 145 Mrs I McKie 6-10-13	L Harvey
20	00	PEARL STUD 17 J King 7-10-13	D Tegg (4)
22	030	ROCHES ROOST 12 T Casey 5-10-13	R Dunwoody
24	0F	SECRET REBEL 25 W Holden 7-10-13	K Townend
25	33-0	TAFFYS PRIDE 21 I Wardle 6-10-13	M Williams
28	P0	THE QUEENS BANNER 46 (B) J Bukovets 5-10-13	R Stronge
30	240	DAWN ROMP 45 O Brennan 4-10-7	P A Farrell (4)
31	033	ENDLESS GOSSIP 13 A Moore 4-10-7	Candy Moore (4)
34	0000	STAR CITY 9 J M Bradley 4-10-7	G Davies
37	2013	DREAM ACADEMY 20 (D,S) T Caldwell 5-11-6	Peter Caldwell (7)

BETTING: 4-6 Arum Lily, 4-1 Dream Academy, 8-1 Emmadill, 10-1 Endless Gossip, 16-1 others.

4.30 LISSINGTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,758: 3m 110yd) (11)

2	3414	SECRET WALK 17 (B,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 7-11-10	C Grant
4	3013	FOUR TRIX 12 (D,BF,F,G,S) G Richards 7-11-8	P Tuck
5	311-	CRACK A JOKE 550 (F,G,S) T Bill 9-11-5	R Crank
7	-1F3	CUMREW 21 (B,D,BF,G,S) N Henderson 8-10-12	J White
9	RRPR	OYDE HILLS 16 (D,G) K Morgan 7-10-5	H Davies
13	3U30	EVEN DEEPER 25 (B,D,S) J Blundell 8-10-0	M Brennan
14	12-2	JACK OF CLUBS 11 (G,S) B McLean 8-10-0	NON-RUNNER
15	3000	FLYING MISTRESS 2 (C,F,S) J Webber 10-10-0	Miss J Henry
16	P1P4	LEGAL EMPEROR 3 (D,F,S) Mrs C Clark 10-10-0	A Orkney
18	F0-U	PERNOIC 21 (F) J Dalton 8-10-0	Mr A Dalton (7)
19	P00P	JON PIPER 10 B Morgan 10-10-0	D Shaw

BETTING: 2-1 Cumrew, 9-4 Secret Walk, 11-4 Crack A Joke, 5-1 Four Trix, 16-1 Even Deeper, 20-1 others.

5.0 RETFORD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,304: 2m 4f) (18)

1	1-21	HOLLY BUOY 191F (D,F,G,S) Mrs G Reveley 8-11-13	N Smith (7)
3	1200	MISTER PITT 165 (C,D,F,G,S) T Bill 9-11-12	N Fearn (4)
4	4000	KEYNES 19 (G,S) J Jenkins 6-11-11	D Gallagher (4)
12	0P24	GREAT GANDER 25 (D,S) J Spearing 5-11-1	P Scudamore
15	00-0	PALA CHIEF 48 (D,F) T Casey 6-10-12	R Dunwoody
17	2000	HIGH HAM BLUES 21 (S) J Fox 6-10-11	S J O'Neill
21	U140	EDWARD'S CORNER 164 (D,G,S) J Dooler 10-10-8	S Turner (7)
22	0030	BICKERSTAFFE 20 (D,G,S) Miss S Wilton 7-10-7	—
23	3000	HILL BEAGLE 21 (CD,S) W Clay 8-10-6	Diane Clay (7)
24	4P-P	IKOYI SUNSET 49 (D,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 9-10-3	G Landau
27	2-00	*STORMY MONARCH 28 (G,S) G H Jones 7-10-2*	G Jones
29	0001	QUINTANA 52 (CD,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-1	M Dwyer
30	0320	DON'T BE LATE 14 (B,BF,S) R Peacock 6-10-0	S Cowley
31	001P	POLISH KNIGHT 19 (G) A D Brown 6-10-0	D Dutton
32	304-	BURLEY HILL LAD 357 (C,D,F,G) J Mackie 8-10-0	—
33	/3-0	PRINCELY HEIR 20 (D,S) Mrs S Minns 7-10-0	C Cox
34	30P0	*SNOOKER TABLE 9 (D,G) Mrs J Evans 5-10-0*	Miss L Wallace
38	0000	RED BILLY 44 (CD,F) Miss P Hall 5-10-0	A Webb

BETTING: 15-8 Holly Buoy, 9-4 Quintana, 4-1 High Ham Blues, 5-1 Great Gander, 10-1 Hill Beagle, 14-1 others.

5.30 LAXTON NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £685: 2m) (16)

1	0021	RESTANDBETHANKFUL 21 (S) Mrs S Lamyman 6-11-6	D Telfer
3	00-	ANGIE'S DARLING 285F J Mackie 5-10-13	S J O'Neill
5	F/00	BRADWELL GIRL 21 W Clay 8-10-13	Diane Clay
7	-100	FORGIVING 51 (D,G) Mrs S Oliver 6-10-13	W Hayes (7)
10	0000	JIMS LASS 25 C Pinney 6-10-13	A J Quinn (7)
11	00P0	KEYANLOCH 21 B Wilkinson 6-10-13	B Walsh (4)
13	P	LAKE ONEGA 17 C Charlet 5-10-13	N Kobler (7)
14	0	LITTLE BRIG 23 Mrs A Ratcliff 5-10-13	M Price (7)
17	000/	*MIDAS BELLE 737 P Allingham 8-10-13*	A Orkney
18	202	NORTHERN JINKS 21 J Wharton 5-10-13	S Woods (4)
19	0PP	PADDY'S OWEN 133 P Davis 6-10-13	Tamya Davis (4)
23	0	WHISKEY CREEK 23 J Webber 5-10-13	G Memagh
27	P0	BORVACALL 23 Mrs V Aconley 4-10-7	J J Quinn
28		DAURICUM 25F C Thornton 4-10-7	D Wilkinson
30	P	STRELLILANE 16F D Ringer 4-10-7	S McNeill
32	/0-P	BUNGEBELLE 23 C F Lee 6-10-13	D Shaw

BETTING: 4-7 Restandbethankful, 11-2 Forgiving, 8-1 Strellilane, 10-1 Whiskey Creek, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Jimmy Fitzgerald, 15 winners from 50 runners, 30.0%; S Christian, 3 from 10, 30.0%; G Richards, 11 from 54, 20.4%; J Webber, 12 from 67, 17.9%; N Henderson, 3 from 18, 16.7%; J Jenkins, 7 from 45, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: G Bradley, 5 winners from 21 rides, 23.8%; M Dwyer, 17 from 79, 21.5%; G Charles-Jones, 5 from 26, 19.2%; C Smith, 3 from 17, 17.6%; G McCourt, 8 from 49, 16.3%; H Davies, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

Championship leaders

FLAT TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stakes
C Brittain	11	10	50	0	+22.88
M Brittain	11	9	10	0	-34.25
J Berry	10	11	9	0	-16.00
L Cumani	8	2	3	0	+0.61
P Cole	8	3	3	0	-12.67

NH TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stakes
M Pipe	92	65	41	3	-34.93
J Gifford	81	56	48	3	+71.67
W Stephenson	72	57	62	0	-115.31
G Richards	62	40	46	1	-98.39
J Edwards	55	35	31	0	-8.09

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stakes
Pat Eddery	17	14	9	3	+23.69
R Cochrane	13	8	10	1	-7.89
B Raymond	11	4	7	5	+35.25
Paul Eddery	9	4	5	1	-8.13
M Birch	9	7	6	2	+19.75

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stakes
P Scudamore	99	77	49	5	-79.83
P Tuck	63	37	40	4	-93.78
R Dunwoody	63	45	71	5	-90.13
M Hammond	63	32	27	4	+149.85
C Grant	62	59	54	1	-122.17

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CRICKET: BOTHAM UNABLE TO TURN WORCESTERSHIRE'S SHAKY START TO THEIR SUNDAY LEAGUE TITLE DEFENCE

Champions begin in subdued form as Lancashire triumph

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire (4pts) beat Worcestershire by seven wickets

Looking nothing like as sharp and combative as when winning their final five games to secure last season's Refuge Assurance League title, Worcestershire were trounced in the first match of their defence yesterday. Lancashire, embarrassingly outplayed in the four-day fixture which resumes today, were clinically efficient in a form of the game not supposed to suit them so well.

The par score for a Sunday match, these days, is in excess of 200 and Worcestershire were never on terms after, as it were, bogeying the first two holes.

Curtis and Hick were the two leading run-scorers in Sunday cricket last year but they were both gone inside seven overs. Curtis caught behind off Matthews's first ball and Hick, having begun with the same disdainful control of Friday's double century, run out in farcical circumstances.

Hick, hungrily anxious for the strike, set off at a sprint when Botham's mistimed pull dribbled to short leg. He was beyond the point of no return before noticing that his partner, who had hit the ball into his knee, was performing a pained, one-legged dance with his back turned. Lancashire cavorted gleefully, thinking this the critical moment of the match.

Last season, Botham was a star on Sundays. Volunteering to open, he averaged 57, scored half-centuries in each of the last four games and confounded those who believed that impetuousness would be his undoing. Now, responsibility hung over him again and although he did not shirk it, he was far from fluent on a pitch which did little to encourage stroke-play.

The innings was past halfway and Botham had made 39 when he lost his head and his wicket to a slower ball from Watkinson.

Thereafter, it seemed that much would depend on Neale, but after taking the total to 100 with a leg-side six, he was run out next ball and Lancashire were instead frustrated by a familiar face.

O'Shaughnessy, by fluke making his Worcestershire debut against the team he served for eight years, was determined to prove a point and did so in some style. His 50 came from 58 balls and the stand of 50 in eight overs with Rhodes gave the champions something to bowl at.

Fowler and Mendis were able to impose authority from the start and after 18 overs Botham began his first spell of the season, at 91 without loss. The magic remains, as he demonstrated by dismissing both openers in his first seven balls. But in this case, it was not enough. Jesty and Fairbrother were massively confident

WORCESTERSHIRE

T S Curtis c Hegg b Matthews	1
I T Botham b Watkinson	39
G A Hick run out	9
D B D'Oliveira c Hegg b Watkinson	7
*P A Neale run out	31
S J O'Shaughnessy c Simmons b Matthews	50
† S J Rhodes lbw b Allott	16
P J Newport run out	5
N V Radford not out	3
R K Illingworth not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 10)	11
Total (for eight wkts)	172

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-21, 3-46, 4-75, 5-100, 6-150, 7-167, 8-169.

BOWLING: Allott 8-1-24-1, Matthews 8-0-44-2, Watkinson 8-0-33-2, Hayhurst 8-0-30-0, Simmons 8-1-30-0.

LANCASHIRE

G D Mendis lbw b Botham	42
G Fowler c Rhodes b Botham	43
T E Jesty b Illingworth	33
N H Fairbrother not out	40
M Watkinson not out	4
Extras (b , lb , w , nb)	14
Total	176

*D P Hughes, A N Hayhurst, C D Matthews, †W K Hegg, P J W Allott and J Simmons did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-92, 2-95, 3-172.

BOWLING: G R Dilley 8-0-30- 0, P J Newport 8-0-33- 0, R K Illingworth 6.2-0-37-1, N V Radford 4-0-22-0, I T Botham 8-0-36-2, S J O'Shaughnessy 2-0-14-0.

Umpires: D Oslear and J W Holder.

Familiar face: O'Shaughnessy, Worcestershire's top scorer

Marshall risks pay for West Indies

From Richard Streeton Bridgetown, Barbados

West Indies fought back hard against Pakistan on the third day of the final Cable and Wireless Test match here yesterday. Their last two wickets added a further 80 runs before they were all out for 306, only three runs behind. At lunch Pakistan were 16 for one.

Malcolm Marshall, who had been bowled by a no-ball from Wasim Akram before he scored, led the late West Indies recovery. Marshall and Benjamin both drove the fast bowlers confidently and gathered runs through and over the slips.

The new ball made little difference and the ninth wicket stand was worth 58 in 12 overs before Marshall was caught behind. He hit Akram for six over extra cover and added six fours. Walsh slogged three fours before Benjamin was run out. Pakistan quickly lost Ramiz Raja when they batted again. He flicked carelessly against Marshall and Logie took a good catch low down at square leg.

West Indies must have been well pleased that their first innings deficit was so slight after their startling collapse. One moment the capacity 20,000 crowd were applauding as Richards raced to 50 with some dazzling strokes. Then suddenly four leading batsmen fell in 18 balls and the innings was in tatters.

Pakistan made a good start with two early successes before Hooper responded to his promotion to No. 4 with calm authority. He and Haynes took the score to 100 and then Akram yorked Hooper.

The slump was started by Mudassar maintaining his knack for taking unexpected wickets. Ever since his six wickets at Lord's in 1982, Pakistan refers to him as the man with the golden arm, which translates into Urdu, I am told, as *sone wale haath*. Haynes took no risks through 58 overs until trying to cut a wide ball from Mudassar he was caught behind by Aamir Malik, the stand-in wcketkeeper.

Mudassar's next ball had Logie edging a low catch to first slip as he played back. Dujon saved the hat-trick, but was run out in the next over. Richards played Akram into the covers and Dujon charged through, leaving both batsmen at the same end as Malik returned.

Richards, who at 61 became the ninth batsman to reach 7,000 Test runs, was dismissed two overs later. He top edged a flick to legside from Akram and it flew high to long leg. Mudassar tumbled forward as he took the ball low down. Mudassar, though, would have held red hot coals, if necessary, for such a prize.

PAKISTAN: First innings 309 (Ramiz Raja 54, Shoaib Mohammed 54; M Marshall 4-79).

Second Innings

Mudassar Nazar not out	4
Ramiz Raja c Logie b Marshall	4
Shoaib Mohammad not out	5
Extras 3	
Total (1 wkt)	16

FALL OF WICKET: 1-8.

WEST INDIES: First innings

C G Greenidge lbw b Imran	10
D L Haynes c Aamir b Mudassar	48
R B Richardson c Aamir b Akram	3
C L Hooper b Akram	54
*I V A Richards c Mudassar b Akram	67
A L Logie c Miandad b Mudassar	0
†P J Dujon run out	0
M D Marshall c Aamir b Imran	48
E L C Ambrose lbw b Imran	7
W W Benjamin run out	31
C A Walsh not out	14
Extras (b-5 lb-11 nb-8)	24
Total	306

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-21, 3-100, 4-198, 5-198, 6-199, 7-201, 8-225, 9-283.

BOWLING: Imran 25-3-108-3; Akram 27-1-88-3; Qadir 15-1-35-0; Jaffer 7-1-35-0; Mudassar 10-4-24-2.

Umpires: D M Archer and L H Barker.

Powerful Gooch overwhelms Kent

By Tony Winlaw

CHELMSFORD: Essex (4pts) beat Kent by nine wickets

Graham Gooch followed his highest career score of 275 with still further punishment of the Kent attack in an innings of 90 runs in 87 minutes on the first Sunday of the Refuge Assurance League as Essex defeated Kent by nine wickets with three and a half overs to spare.

Essex — three times the Sunday League champions in the past seven years — last season experienced their worst record when jointly finishing one from the bottom in the Sunday League table. But this match saw a return of the power of Gooch, often advancing down the wicket, and Hardie in an opening partnership of 145 runs in 29 overs.

On Saturday it was Davis, who has succedded Derek Underwood as Kent's left-arm spin bowler, who finally ended Gooch's innings and he did likewise yesterday as the batsman was beaten attempting a half-hearted sweep.

On departure, Hardie shone in aggression, to complete an invaluable innings of 78 not out, and Border remained unbeaten on 26.

After their mammoth score of 616 runs on Saturday there was, not surprisingly, a fair magisterial air about the Essex approach. When Kent, after winning the toss, were 74 for four in the 21st over there appeared little resistance to even their bowlers' command.

The opening batsmen, Pienaar and Benson, were both caught behind the wicket and Cowdrey, the Kent captain, skied the ball from a mistimed drive off Miller to be superbly caught by Lever, running back from mid-off.

In his eight overs Miller took two for 29 and 12 of those runs came in one over when Hinks punished him with three boundaries. Hinks and Chris Cowdrey finally halted Essex's authority with an assertive fifth- wicket partnership of 77 runs in 12 overs before Hinks was caught on the square leg boundary by Border for the top score of 55.

KENT

M R Benson c East b Topley	9
R F Pienaar c East b Topley	6
C J Tavaré b Miller	23
*C S Cowdrey c Lever b Miller	11
S G Hinks c Border b Topley	55
G R Cowdrey b Gooch	45
N R Taylor c Border b Topley	7
†S A Marsh c Fletcher b Pont	9
R M Ellison not out	14
D J M Kelleher not out	7
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 7)	15
Total (for eight wkts)	201

R P Davis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-29, 3-50, 4-74, 5-151, 6-166, 7-169, 8-185.

BOWLING: J K Lever 8-0-43-1, I P Pont 8-0-41-1, T D Topley 8-0-46-3, G Miller 8-2-29-2, G Gooch 8-1-34-1.

ESSEX

G A Gooch b Davies	90
B R Hardie not out	78
A R Border not out	26
Extras (lb 7, nb 1)	8
Total (for one wkt, 36.3 overs)	202

P J Prichard, *K W R Fletcher, I L Pont, G Miller, †D E East, T D Topley, J D Lever and A W Lilley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-145.

BOWLING: D J M Kelleher 6-0-31-0, R M Ellison 8-0-40-0, R F Pienaar 4-0-23-0, R P Davis 7.3-1-41-1, C S Cowdrey 6-0-42-0, G R Cowdrey 5-0-18-0.

Umpires: R Julian and K J Lyons.

Batsmen are given no refuge

Following the torrent of runs in certain quarters on Saturday, bowlers in the first round of Refuge Assurance matches were positively parsimonious. Cricket is indeed the great leveller: Mike Gatting, who took a double century off Nottinghamshire in the current championship match, yesterday was out for a duck.

Tight seam bowling was prevalent all around the country. At Derby, for example, **Derbyshire's** multi-national attack restricted **Leicestershire** to 168 and beat them by nine wickets. Only De Freitas and Briers made decent scores: the rest of a strong order, which included Gower, Potter and Whitaker, went cheaply. In reply, Barnett and Roberts took Derbyshire to victory with an unbeaten second wicket partnership of 118, Barnett making a half-century off 78 balls and making 77 in all.

A professional performance in the field restricted Leicestershire to 168 in less than 38 overs, with Warner taking three for 21

Only a half-century stand for the fourth wicket, between Briers and Willey, prevented a total collapse after the first three wickets had fallen for 29, and it needed a quickfire 37 from 25 balls by DeFreitas, to give the innings respectability.

Gloucestershire restricted **Glamorgan** to 176 for six at Bristol, of which Shastri made an unbeaten 84 and Morris 37. Gloucestershire won by five wickets.

At Hove, Parker again had cause to celebrate the start of his reign as Sussex captain. He played a major part in his county's defeat of **Somerset**, reaching 50 off 65 balls with four fours. Sussex, who had restricted their opponents to 191 for six, won by five wickets.

Gatting may not have scored a run at Lord's, but **Middlesex** still beat **Nottinghamshire**, by four wickets. Emburey scoring 47. Nottinghamshire had managed only 165 for seven in their 40 overs, of which Robinson, the captain, scored 40.

At Southampton, **Hampshire** were unable to reach **Surrey's** 236 for nine in 39 overs, of which Smith made 75 and Stewart 53. Jefferies, in his first bowl for Hampshire in this competition, took a wicket in eight economical overs. Turner, Hampshire's ever-reliable batsman, made an unbeaten century off 88 balls in 107 minutes.

Ideal preparation for Gooch

The arguments for and against four-day county cricket will rage until the season's end (Ivo Tennant writes). At least on Saturday two familiar names were able to indulge themselves at the crease rather longer than had their respective matches been of three days duration.

Mike Gatting and Graham Gooch both made double centuries, the latter achieving the highest score of his career, 275. Here was ideal preparation for the forthcoming Test series on pitches hard and fast after the dry spring.

At Lord's where **Nottinghamshire** had had palpably the better of the first two days, Gatting's 210 plus a high-class century by John Carr and a workaday one by Keith Brown ensured that play today will be full of interest. The county champions need 397 to win and Daniel, at least for the moment, is injured.

As for Gooch, self-doubts remain. Disappointed not to have made 300, he said: "I have managed to put last summer's bad start behind me, but who knows?" Everyone else, particularly Kent's bowlers, will be aware there is no substitute for class. What with Pringle also compiling the best score of his career, 128, **Kent** have problems. They are 141 behind with six second innings wickets remaining.

Elsewhere, **Lancashire** were made to follow on by **Worcestershire** at Old Trafford, where Illingworth took five of their first innings wickets. He then took three more when they batted again. Botham? His contribution was reserved for last night's television documentary.

Logically, **Sussex** should beat **Somerset** at Hove today. They were held up on Saturday by a century from Burns, Somerset's promising wicketkeeper. Parker, who made a century on Friday, has had an excellent start to his tenure in office as Sussex captain. The same could be said of his benefit season: the speeches by Christopher Martin Jenkins and David Lloyd at a dinner in his honour during this match enchanted a huge gathering.

There were centuries too, by Whitaker and Potter at Derby; and at Bristol, Alleyne checked **Glamorgan's** progress. An interesting finish is likely here, too. After three days of four-day cricket, we can be certain of one thing: we are in for longer and bigger innings.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Sinner Shelford faces threat of Cup final ban

By Keith Macklin

The champions, **Widnes**, will entertain **Warrington**, and **St Helens** will host the sole Yorkshire club, **Bradford Northern**, in the semi-finals of the Stones Bitter premiership. The Challenge Cup finalists, **Halifax** and **Wigan**, yesterday lost interest in the competition, and many will believe that next Saturday's big date at Wembley was a major factor in their defeats.

What makes matters a little worse for Wigan is that Adrian Shelford, their expensive forward signing from New Zealand, was sent to the sin bin for the third time for a high tackle on Mike Gregory, and with a disciplinary committee hearing due on Thursday, Shelford could be suspended and ruled out of the Wembley final. Wigan will contest the referee's decision, and if necessary will go to appeal on Friday, but Shelford's fate hangs in the balance.

Wigan disappointed their supporters in a crowd of just under 16,000 at Central Park with a half-hearted performance against tigerish Warrington, whose tackles in the opening minutes incurred a spate of penalties and a spell in the sin bin for their outstanding forward, Gregory.

Two penalties from Andy Gregory and one from Gill against one successful kick by Woods gave Wigan an early 6-2 lead, but before half-time a 75-metre interception try by Forster and a third goal from Woods made it 10-6 at half-time. In the second half Roskell and Lyon added further tries for Warrington and Woods completed six goals. Hanley got a late try.

Widnes had the game with Halifax won at half-time, with 24 points on the board, but when the Challenge Cup holders were allowed back into the game they gave Widnes a fright at 24-20. Two late tries by Hulme and Offiah clinched a Widnes victory which was rarely in doubt.

St Helens found their best attacking form and demolished Castleford 40-8, while Bradford Northern applied the final blow in a disappointing season for Leeds. Northern won 32-18 with the brilliant half back, Harkin, scoring a great individual try and Hobbs landing six goals.

STONES BITTER PREMIERSHIP: First round: Bradford 32, Leeds 18; St Helens 40, Castleford 8; Widnes 38, Halifax 26; Wigan 12, Warrington 24. Second division Premiership: First round: Featherstone 42, Mansfield 1; Oldham 34, Keighley 24; Wakefield 44, York 23.

YACHTING

Naval architect is best tactician

By Barry Pickthall

Braving near-survival conditions at Cowes over the weekend, 70 young sailors experienced the rough and tumble of coping with blown-out spinnakers, torn sails and parting sheets during the second of 10 regional Crewsearch trials to find new talent to spearhead Britain's continued success in the harsh world of ocean racing.

Racing with Harold Cudmore, one of Britain's most experienced skippers, who joined up with the women's champion, Titch Blatchford, to assess these crews, Jeff Davison, aged 28, a Scottish navel architect now living in Wimbledon, was selected as top tactician, just ahead of Richard Ames, from Old Basing, Hampshire.

Davison now goes forward to represent the South in the final of this series, sponsored jointly by *The Times* and James Capel. Joining him in the cockpit will be Brian Dempsey, aged 27, a pensions consultant from Brighton, who only embarked on a sailing career three seasons ago.

The top mainsheet trimmer was Ian Gotts, from Newport Pagnal, who will work with Kim Johnson, from Dibden, Southampton, who proved the best genoa trimmer over the weekend.

Mast and halyards aboard the southern Crewsearch champion will be the responsibility of Nick Newington, from Scaynes Hill, Sussex, a regular crew member aboard Tom and Vicky Jackson's championship-winning veteran yacht, Sunstone, based at Brighton.

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De Savary sends delegation

A delegation from Peter de Savary's Blue Arrow America's Cup challenge that included the designers, Rob Humphreys and Derek Clarke, were locked in discussions with members of the New Zealand challenge in Annapolis yesterday in an effort to quel fears that the proposed British boat will not provide a fair match against Michael Fay's 123ft challenger (Barry Pickthall writes).

The problem for the British is one of logistics. The only way they can build a boat and have it ready to race in the August trials in San Diego against New Zealand is send the boat by airfreight across the Atlantic. This presents a serious restriction on size and undermines New Zealand's long standing arguement that both challengers and defenders must measure up to the principal dimensions of their own K-Boat challenger.

When Michael Fay, New Zealand's syndicate head, accepted Peter de Savary's challenge last week, he was under the impression that Britain was building a similar boat to his own. But now, Blue Arrow's radical design is thought to be almost half her size and could lead to the New Zealanders withdrawing their invitation to join in this year's America's Cup.

Tavinor is delighted with third

Hyères — A third and fifth in the Finn class plus two other thirds were the highlight for Britain on an otherwise patchy first day of the twentieth pre-Olympic regatta here yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes).

A delighted Tim Tavinor, of Oxford, was even hoping to be awarded first place in the Finns as the two yachts ahead of him faced disqualification for being over the line ahead of the second start and this would pull Lawrence Crispin up to third.

With Stuart Childerley, the European champion, having a quiet day at seventeenth the prospects for Britain in this class are strong. In testing but bright conditions over 700 competitors from 39 countries made short order of the racing in a south-westerly breeze which built from 8-15 knots but shifted by 30 degrees.

Debbie Jarvis and Sue Hay sailed well to take third place in the women's 470 having been second for much of the race but being pipped near the end by the Americans, Pease Herndon and Cindy Goff.

There was disappointment in the men's 470s where Britain's world champion, Nigel Buckley could manage only 43rd after a bad start.

HOCKEY

Combined Services go close in their first final

By Sydney Friskin

North won the senior divisional tournament at Sunderland yesterday after defeating Combined Services 2-1 in the final after two days of hard work.

Two goals in the first half, the first by Stamp from a penalty stroke in the fourteenth minute and another by Leach 10 minutes later put North in a strong position but their advantage was cut nine minutes before the end by Hazlitt, voted the player of the tournament, on the follow-up at a short corner.

North looked more competent than they did in the semi-finals when they defeated Midlands 1-0 through Stamp converting an early penalty stroke. Midlands forced 11 short corners in the second half but were denied an equalizer when Stanhope saved on the line from one of many scrambles. Services were able on this occasion to muster a powerful force and were rewarded by reaching the finals for the first time.

In the semi-finals, Services defeated West, last year's winners, 2-1. Hill reduced the deficit from a short corner for West after Gordon and Mather scored for the Services. They slowed noticeably in the final, particularly after Gordon was injured. Langston, the North goalkeeper, emerged as the best in the tournament, while Jennings, of Services, and Leach, of North, were top scorers with four goals apiece.

RESULTS: Seniors: Group A: West 3, East 2; East 2, North 3; West 0, North 1. Group B: Midlands 1, Combined Services 3; Services 2, South 3; South 2, Midlands 4. Semi-finals: North 1, Midlands 0; Services 2, West 1. Final: North 2, Services 1. Equal third: Midlands and West. Fifth place: East 2, South 1. Juniors: Group A: Midlands 6, Services 0; Services 2, South 8; South 1, Midlands 6. Group B: West 3, East 2; East 1, North 4; West 0, North 3. Semi-finals: Midlands 1, West 2; South 2, North 2 (North won 3-1 on penalty strokes). Final: West 2, North 1. Equal third: Midlands and South. Fifth place: East 6, Services 0.

Ealing triumph again

Ealing, representing the South, won the women's national club championship yesterday (Joyce Whitehead writes). The reigning champions, Ealing, concluded the weekend championships, held in Coventry, with a 1-0 victory over Hightown, representing the North. Dodd scored the winning goal.

Ealing beat their regional rivals, Slough, to qualify for the final, while Highwood won after a penalty shoot-out against Sutton Coldfield.

SATURDAY'S COUNTY SCOREBOARDS

Gloucs v Glamorgan

GLOUCESTER: Glamorgan, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 248 runs ahead of Gloucestershire

GLAMORGAN: First Innings: 372-9 dec (G Holmes 117; T M Alderman 4-70).

Second Innings

A Butcher lbw b Alderman	4
J A Hopkins st Russell b Alleyne	27
* H Morris b Alleyne	84
M P Maynard lbw b Alleyne	68
G C Holmes not out	12
R C Ontong b Alleyne	9
J Derrick not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 7, nb 5)	13
Total (for five wkts)	217

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-83, 3-192, 4-195, 5-217.

J G Thomas, C J P G van Zyl, †C P Metson and S R Barwick to bat.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A W Stovold c Morris b Derrick	52
A J Wright c Morris b Thomas	0
M W Alleyne lbw b Thomas	0
C W J Athey c Morris b Derrick	123
P Bainbridge b van Zyl	52
K M Curran c Hopkins b Holmes	1
J M Lloyds c Metson b Derrick	68
†R C Russell not out	23
Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 15)	22
Total (for seven dec)	341

After 100 overs: 341-7.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-4, 3-163, 4-206, 5-240, 6-264.

BOWLING: Thomas 22-5-78-2, van Zyl 26-10-72-1, Barwick 24-7-73-0, Derrick 24.1-5-65-2, Ontong 11-4-35-0, Holmes 6-2-11-1.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 7, Glamorgan 6.

Umpires: D G L Evans and D S Thompsett.

Middlesex v Notts

LORD'S: Nottinghamshire, with all second-innings in hand, need 385 runs to beat Middlesex

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 199 (R O Butcher 73, J E Emburey 61; K E Cooper 5-52).

Second innings

J D Carr c Stephenson b Saxelby	106
† P R Downton lbw b Pick	24
A R C Fraser c Johnson b Pick	4
* M W Gatting c Robinson b Stephenson	210
K R Brown not out	131
R O Butcher lbw b Stephenson	4
J E Emburey not out	12
Extras (b 11, nb 3)	14
Total (for five wkts dec)	505

M A Roseberry, S P Hughes, N G Cowans and W W Daniels did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-51, 3-212, 4-476, 5-482.

BOWLING: F D Stephenson 34-2-121-2, R A Pick 23-2-128-2, K E Cooper 22-3-96-0, K Saxelby 22-4-81-1, E E Hemmings 8-1-40-0, J D Birch 8-2-28-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 308 (M Newell 80, B C Broad 66, F D Stephenson 63; Fraser 6-75).

Second Innings

B C Broad	8
* R T Robinson	1
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (for no wkts)	10

Bonus points: Middlesex 3, Nottinghamshire 6.

Umpires: D J Constant and A A Jones.

Sussex v Somerset

HOVE: Sussex, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, need 142 runs to beat Somerset

SOMERSET: First Innings 142 (Pigott 4-55).

Second Innings

N A Felton lbw b Pigott	0
*P M Roebuck b Babington	19
N J Pringle lbw b Babington	10
M D Crowe lbw b Babington	25
R J Harden run out	45
V J Marks lbw b Babington	0
†N D Burns not out	133
G V Palmer c Parker b Pigott	23
N A Mallender lbw b Lenham	44
A N Jones b Lenham	6
D J Foster c Gould b Lenham	1
Extras (b 8, lb 10, w 6, nb 3)	27
Total	333

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-34, 3-45, 4-66, 5-66, 6-167, 7-197, 8-316, 9-327.

BOWLING: A C S Pigott 18.2-7-42-2, M W Pringle 21-6-58-0, N J Lenham 17.5-5-57-3, A M Babington 33.5-9-66-4, A R Clarke 42-13-74-0, A M Green 8-5-7-0, A P Wells 5-1-11-0.

SUSSEX: First Innings 268 (P G W Parker 101 not out; D J Foster 4-67).

Bonus points: Sussex 7, Somerset 4.

Umpires: J A Harris and A J T Whitehead.

Derbys v Leics

DERBY: Derbyshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 92 runs behind Leicestershire.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 324 (B J Maher 121 not out, C Lewis 5-73).

Second Innings

J G Wright not out	42
P D Bowler not out	24
Extras	0
Total (for no wkt)	66

B Roberts, J E Morris, *K J Barnett, S C Goldsmith, †B J M Maher, R J Finney, A E Warner, P G Newman and D E Malcolm to bat.

LEICESTER: First Innings

N E Briers lbw b Bowler	90
T J Boon c Goldsmith b Warner	31
P Willey c Maher b Newman	34
* D I Gower run out	14
J J Whitaker b Warner	145
L Potter c Barnett b Newman	107
P A J De Freitas c Maher b Newman	17
C Lewis run out	1
† P Whitticase not out	8
J P Agnew not out	21
Extras (lb 8, nb 6)	14
Total (for eight wkts dec)	482

After 100 overs: 311-4.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-63, 2-108, 3-127, 4-219, 5-418, 6-446, 7-450, 8-452.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 4, Leicestershire 7.

Umpires: H D Bird and J H Hampshire.

Lancs v Worcs

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire, with six second-innings wickets in hand, need 147 runs to avoid an innings defeat

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings (G A Hick 212).

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G Fowler c Hick b Dilley	0
G D Mendis c Radford b Dilley	3
† W K Hegg c Rhodes b Dilley	8
T J Jesty c Rhodes b Illingworth	13
N H Fairbrother b Illingworth	10
M Watkinson st Rhodes b Illingworth	6
* D P Hughes c Hick b Radford	3
P J W Allott c Rhodes b Hick	7
J Simmons b Illingworth	32
C D Matthews c Curtis b Illingworth	7
I Folley not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 4, nb 4)	12
Total	11

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-5, 3-19, 4-40, 5-41, 6-48, 7-52, 8-83, 9-100.

BOWLING: G R Dilley 9-2-14-3, Radford 10-2-25-1, Illingworth 22.4-4-46-5, Hick 6-2-8-1.

Second Innings

G Fowler c sub b Illingworth	50
G D Mendis c Rhodes b Illingworth	19
T J Jesty c Radford b Hick	12
N H Fairbrother lbw b Illingworth	56
M Watkinson not out	9
*D P Hughes not out	0
Extras (b 6, w 1, nb 8)	15
Total (for four wkts)	161

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-53, 3-128, 4-161.

†W Hegg, P J W Allott, J Simmons, C D Matthews and I D Folley to bat.

Bonus points: Lancashire 1, Worcester 8.

Umpires: D O Oslear and J W Holder.

Essex v Kent

CHELMESFORD: Kent, with six second-innings wickets in hand, need 140 runs to avoid an innings defeat

KENT: First Innings 400-7 dec (M R Benson 110, N R Taylor 95).

Second Innings

M R Benson c Gooch b Topley	13
N R Taylor c Miller b Childs	24
S G Hinks st East b Miller	10
C J Tavare c East b Childs	0
R P Davis not out	0
*C S Cowdrey not out	24
Extras (b 3, lb 2)	5
Total (for four wkts)	76

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-49, 3-49, 4-49.

G R Cowdrey, †S A Hinks, C Penn, H L Alleyne and A P Igglesden to bat.

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch b Davis	275
B R Hardie c C S Cowdrey b Penn	20
P J Prichard c Benson b Penn	0
A R Border c Marsh b C S Cowdrey	31
D R Pringle c Marsh b Alleyne	128
*K W R Fletcher c sub b Davis	58
G Miller b Davis	16
†D E East c Tavare b Davis	29
T D Topley c Marsh b Penn	1
J K Lever not out	13
J H Childs b davis	7
Extras (b 5, lb 24, w 1, nb 7)	37
Total	616

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-33, 3-126, 4-385, 5-539, 6-543, 7-591, 8-594, 9-606.

BOWLING: Igglesdean 13-2-57-0; Alleyne 20-2-80-1; Penn 41-7-160-3; C S Cowdrey 31-3-93-1; Davis 39.5-8-132-5; G R Cowdrey 17-1-64-0.

Bonus points: Essex 5, Kent 4.

Umpires: R Julian and K J Lyons.

Allofs pulls out

Düsseldorf (Reuter) — Klaus Allofs, the West German captain, has pulled out of his country's international against Switzerland in Kaiserslautern, on Wednesday because of a knee injury. His withdrawal leaves Franz Beckenbauer, the manager, with three forwards — Rudi Völler, Pierre Littbarski and Jürgen Klingsmann — in his squad.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Sussex v Somerset

HOVE: Sussex (4 pts) beat Somerset by five wickets.

SOMERSET

N A Felton b Pringle	0
*P M Roebuck b Pringle	10
J J E Hardy c C M Wells b Standing	45
R J Harden b Lenham	52
†N D Burns c & b Standing	6
V J Marks b Pringle	27
G D Rose not out	29
G V Palmer not out	14
Extras (b 5, w 2, nb 1)	8
Total (for six wkts)	191

N A Mallender, A N Jones and D J Foster did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3 2-20 3-102 4-110 5-133 6-154

BOWLING: Babbington 8-2-31-0; Pringle 8-0-37-3; Kimber 7-1-32-0; Clarke 4-1-18-0; Lenham 8-0-31-0; Standing 5-0-37-2.

SUSSEX

†I J Gould c Burns b Jones	0
N J Lenham b Foster	33
*P W G Parker c Rose b Jones	90
C M Wells lbw b Rose	1
A P Wells c Palmer b Marks	15
A M Green not out	22
S J S Kimber not out	15
Extras (b 2, lb 10, w 5, nb 2)	19
Total (for five wkts, 39 overs)	195

A R Clarke, N M Pringle and A M Babington did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-77, 3-88, 4-131, 5-169.

BOWLING: Jones 8-0-41-2; Mallender 7-0-29-0; Palmer 3-0-15-0; Marks 8-0-27-1; Foster 5-0-31-1; Rose 8-0-40-0.

Umpires: J H Harris and A G T Whitehead.

Gloucs v Glamorgan

GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire (4pts) beat Glamorgan by five wickets

GLAMORGAN

J A Hopkins b Jarvis	8
*H Morris c Stovold b Alleyne	37
M P Maynard c and b Green	1
A R Butcher b Curran	2
R J Shastri not out	84
G C Holmes b Jarvis	18
R C Ontong c Russell b Green	7
J G Thomas not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 9, w 4, nb 2)	19
Total (for six wkts)	176

C P Metson, S R Barwick and J Derrick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-21, 3-28, 4-86, 5-119, 6-164.

BOWLING: K B S Jarvis 8-0-18-2, V S Greene 8-2-42-2, K M Curran 8-1-32-1, D J Thomas 8-0-33-0, M W Alleyne 8-0-38-1.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A W Stovold b Holmes	41
C W J Athey b Derrick	67
K M Curran not out	34
J W Lloyds c and b Barwick	13
P W Romaines b Thomas	8
M W Alleyne c Metson b Holmes	0
D J Thomas not out	1
Extras (lb 9, w 4)	13
Total (for five wkts, 39 overs)	177

V S Greene, †R C Russell, *D A Graveney and K B S Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-109, 2-119, 3-147, 5-171.

BOWLING: J G Thomas 8-2-23-1, S R Barwick 6-0-32-1, R C Ontong 7-0-31-0, J Derrick 8-0-39-1, H Shastri 4-0-23-0, G C Holmes 6-1-20-2.

Umpires: D G L Evans and D S Thomsett.

Hants v Surrey

SOUTHAMPTON: Surrey (4pts) beat Hampshire by 18 runs

SURREY

*C J Richards c R A Smith b Connor	30
D M Smith lbw b Tremlett	75
A J Stewart c R A Smith b James	53
M A Lynch run out	25
D M Ward c R A Smith b Nicholas	8
Z A Sadiq c Terry b Tremlett	0
†I A Greig c James b Jefferies	5
C K Bullen c Nicholas b Tremlett	11
M A Feltham b Connor	18
S T Clarke not out	2
N H Peters not out	1
Extras (lb 7, w 1) 8	8
Total (for nine wkts, 39 overs)	236

C K Bullen did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53 2-149 3-185 4-193 5-194 6-202 7-205 8-232 9-234

BOWLING: S T Jefferies 8-2-26-1, T M Tremlett 7-0-48-3, C A Connor 7-0-40-2, K D James 8-0-46-1, N G Cowley 3-0-23-0, M C J Nicholas 6-0-46-1.

HAMPSHIRE

R A Smith c Bullen b Peters	6
V P Terry c Clarke b Feltham	43
*M C J Nicholas b Greig	2
D R Turner not out	103
C L Smith c ward b Bullen	10
S T Jeffries c Peters b Greig	39
N G Cowley not out	1
Extras (lb 10)	10
Total (for five wkts, 39 overs)	214

†R J Parks, T M Tremlett, C A Connor and K D James did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-25, 3-84, 4-113, 5-208.

BOWLING: N H Peters 8-1-22-1, I A Greig 8-0-27-2, M A Feltham 8-0-57-1, C K Bullen 8-0-51-1, S T Clarke 7-0-47-0.

Umpires: S B Hassan and P B Wight.

Middlesex v Notts

LORD'S: Middlesex (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by four wickets

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

B C Broad c Gatting b Williams	18
*R T Robinson run out	32
P Johnson c Brown b Williams	2
D W Randall c Downton b Williams	12
J D Birch not out	35
F D Stephenson c Emburey b Sykes	12
†B N French b Fraser	23
K P Evans b Fraser	6
R A Pick not out	1
Extras (b 2, lb 10, w 4)	16
Total (for seven wkts)	165

K E Cooper and K Saxelby did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-46, 3-74, 4-82, 5-106, 6-149, 7-164.

BOWLING: Cowans 4-0-21-0; Fraser 8-0-23-2; Williams 8-0-28-3; Emburey 7-0-25-0; Sykes 6-1-22-1; Hughes 7-0-34-0.

MIDDLESEX

J D Carr lbw b Stephenson	8
*M W Gatting b Cooper	0
†P R Downton run out	49
R O Butcher b Evans	0
J E Emburey b Evans	47
K R Brown c French b Cooper	10
J F Sykes not out	33
N F Williams not out	11
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 1)	8
Total (for six wkts, 38.1 overs)	166

S P Hughes, A R C Fraser, and N G Cowans did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-33, 3-34, 4-86, 5-103, 6-133.

BOWLING: Pick 8-0-46-0; Cooper 8-1-22-2; Stephenson 7.1-1-23-1; Evans 8-0-32-2; Saxelby 7-0-37-0.

Umpires: D J Constant and A A Jones.

Derby v Leics

DERBY: Derbyshire (4pts) beat Leicestershire by nine wickets

LEICESTER

L Potter c Maher b Newman	2
N E Briers st Maher b Bowler	42
D I Gower c Maher b Mortensen	5
J J Whitaker b Warner	4
P Willey c Barnett b Bowler	27
T J Boon c Maher b Mortensen	22
P A J de Freitas c Roberts b Holding	37
C Lewis not out	14
†P Whitcase b Warner	1
J P Agnew run out	3
L Taylor b Warner	1
Extras (lb 7, w 3)	10
Total (37.3 overs)	168

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-13, 3-29, 4-81, 5-91, 6-146, 7-148, 8-153, 9-158.

DERBYSHIRE

*K J Barnett not out	77
P D Bowler b Bowler	32
B Roberts not out	47
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 4, nb 2)	15
Total (for one wkt, 39.3 overs)	171

J E Morris, †B J M Maher, S C Goldsmith, P G Newman, A E Warner, M A Holding, O H Mortensen and R J Finney did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-53.

BOWLING: J P Agnew 8-0-26-0, P A J De Freitas 7.3-1-22-0, C Lewis 8-0-39-0, P Willey 8-0-29-0, L B Taylor 8-0-46-1.

Umpires: H D Bird and J H Hampshire.

MOTOR CYCLING

Magee takes GP honours

Jarama, Spain (Reuter) — Kevin Magee, of Australia, held off a dogged challenge from Eddie Lawson, the former world champion, to emerge a narrow victor in the 500cc Spanish Grand Prix yesterday.

Magee, aged 25, riding a Yamaha, completed the 76.5-mile journey in 54min 52.476sec, half a second ahead of Lawson, also on a Yamaha, for his first grand prix win. Wayne Gardner, the defending world champion, finished in third place.

Lawson, of the United States, who won the United States Grand Prix in Monterey two weeks ago, led from the start but was overtaken in the 25th lap and then fought a close battle with Magee for the remaining 12 laps.

"It's just great. I almost can't believe it." Magee said. "I was given some advice on how to start ... it worked pretty well and I had to work from there." Magee had begun the race in pole position after impressive practice sessions.

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FOOTBALL: THE KINGS OF ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND CAN NOW LOOK FORWARD TO THE CROWNING GLORY OF A CENTENARY YEAR DOUBLE

A triumph of Celtic's history and values

By Roddy Forsyth

Celtic 3
Dundee 0

The sense of occasion at Parkhead on Saturday was intoxicating. A crowd officially estimated at 60,800 but looking a good few thousand more than that had crammed into the terracings long before kick-off.

They had come to celebrate the winning of a Scottish championship which was far more than simply another title successfully annexed. This year's campaign has been a triumphant reaffirmation of Celtic's values and history.

At the beginning of the season very few of the massed faithful would have bet bad money on their team out-reaching Rangers. But by a combination of shrewd management by Billy McNeill, who made a few astute buys, and a comparative freedom from injury along with a consistency which stretched to 31 games without defeat, Celtic are able to grace their centenary year with the flag.

Needing only a single point to take the title they set themselves on course with an early goal. With less than three minutes gone Rogan set off along the left flank and delivered a combination of shot and cross which Carson could only deflect back into his own penalty area. Morris had arrived meanwhile from the right-back position and struck the ball low through a tangle of players.

The home team's understandable tension was not settled by their quick success and Dundee showed spirit and a willingness where possible to carry the game to their opponents. Celtic, who had left themselves alarmingly bare in defence on several occasions, at last put the contest beyond doubt 15 minutes from the end.

McAvennie released his colleague Walker who dragged the ball around Carson and struck it diagonally back into the empty net. The terracing choirs had not had time to select a suitable celebratory anthem when Walker had scored again.

CELTIC: P Bonner; C Morris, A Rogan, R Aitken, M McCarthy, D Whyte, J Miller (sub: W Stark), P McStay, F McAvennie (sub: M McGhee), A Walker, T Burns.
DUNDEE: T Carson; S Forsyth, I Angus, R Shannon, J Smith, W Saunders, A Lawrence, S Rafferty, K Wright, T Coyne, S Campbell.
Referee: A Huett.

Champions for all seasons

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Liverpool 1
Tottenham Hotspur 0

Title shot: Beardsley scores the winner to signal the start of coronation festivities for Liverpool

The Anfield gates were locked more than an hour before the kick-off as the crowd of 44,798, the biggest of Liverpool's extraordinary season assembled for the official coronation. They saw one jewel in the crown, Beardsley's sparkling goal, but the event was otherwise too much of a formality to be a shining attraction.

Tottenham Hotspur, lying a mere four points above the play-offs, were in no position to act as stooges in a celebration. Nor did they allow Liverpool to indulge in a lavish party, although the opening moment suggested that the afternoon might develop into another of their wonderous exhibitions.

Tottenham could even have spoiled the day. Had there been anyone in their line-up to apply the finishing touch, Liverpool might have been kept waiting for one more week to receive the title. As it is, the trophy is expected to be presented to them before the home fixture against Southampton next Monday.

Kenny Dalglish, publicly as economical as usual with his words, admitted that "this was not one of our best performances but we've won the championship over a distance of 36 games, not just this one". The finale may have been subdued but Liverpool have consistently illuminated the centenary season.

It would have been more appropriate had they claimed their rightful honour at the end of their 5-0 win over Nottingham Forest 12 days ago when they embraced perfection itself. None of those privileged enough to have witnessed their sustained brilliance then is likely to forget it.

Neither Dalglish nor any other Liverpool official would care to enter the hypothetical argument. The player-manager offered a more earthy comment that bordered on the understatement. "We've enjoyed the season," he said. "We've played well and I don't think anyone can dispute that we've deserved to win the title."

They have not so much beaten their opponents as crushed them. They have scored at least four goals in more than a quarter of their League games and their goalkeeper has remained unbeaten in more than half of them. Their superiority has been so unmistakable that they might as well have been competing in a different league.

Except when Manchester United recently caught sight of them on the distant horizon for 24 hours, their lead since before Christmas has never been smaller than 10 points. In setting an example of behaviour and style that has never dropped below the exemplary, Liverpool are genuinely in every sense the champions of England.

Nor is there is the slightest sign that they will not remain so. The prospect of Hansen commanding their defence, McMahon controlling their midfield, Beardsley leading their attack and Barnes adding majestic decoration to all of their other talents next season is already frightening the rest of the first division.

Barnes was unable to take an active role in the festivities on Saturday, to Tottenham's benefit. With Waddle returning to demonstrate his own ample gifts and the comparatively inelegant Metgod prompting them, they created enough opportunities to have lifted themselves clear of potential trouble. Paul Allen and the feeble Hodge between them missed them all.

Beardsley punished them with a goal out of his own manager's book. Invited by Houghton to cut in from the right, he curled a left-footed shot wide of Mimms to dismiss all mathematical improbabilities. "We've won something now," Dalglish added, "so we can look forward to enjoying ourselves and the FA Cup Final." Liverpool's hunger for honours never ceases.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; G Gillespie, G Ablett, S Nicol, N Spackman, A Hansen, P Beardsley, J Aldridge, R Houghton, C Johnston, S McMahon.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Mimms; B Statham, M Thomas, J Metgod (sub: C Allen), C Fairclough, G Mabbutt, P Walsh, P Allen, C Waddle, V Samways, S Hodge.
Referee: G Aplin.

Casualty figures provide grounds for poor prognosis

By Clive White

Wimbledon 2
Chelsea 2

The casualty department at nearby St George's Hospital must be wondering just what sport it is that they play at Plough Lane. Two broken jaws and one fractured cheekbone, all in the same week that the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) announced an initiative to eliminate violent play, were not without coincidence — one would have thought. But listening to the Chelsea manager on Saturday, anyone would think that all is well with the world of football.

The reluctance of Bobby Campbell — or Bobby Gould, the Wimbledon manager — to talk honestly about Wicks's brutal challenge on Ryan, which dealt the young Wimbledon player his second broken jaw of the season, does not augur well for the hopes of Gordon Taylor, the PFA secretary, of preventing English football being bounced into court right behind its Scottish cousin.

The fact that Wimbledon were the victims on this occasion was no less disturbing. Their reputation, like that of English hooligans, precedes them and there could be no doubt that Chelsea were prepared for this game in a way they would not be for any other. This was reflected by Wicks's challenge, which was completely out of character. No doubt some of the aggression could be traced to the clubs' meeting in November when two players were sent off and three booked.

But if Gould, because of a misplaced protective attitude towards the game, is loath to talk about specific acts of violence, at least he has been seen to take positive action by his decisions to drop Gayle and Jones following recent dismissals. And when Gannon, who otherwise had an excellent game, earned Wimbledon their 57th booking of the season for a foul on Nevin, he was promptly substituted.

It would be nice to think that because of stricter club discipline, no one sought revenge on Wicks after the assault (for which not so much as a free kick was awarded against Chelsea). There could, though, have been other explanations. Fashanu and Jones were both absent, because of "injury" and suspension respectively.

Considering that they were without this combative pair, as well as Cork and Gibson, Wimbledon did surprisingly well.

Two goals up with 20 minutes to go, through Sanchez and Wise, even after a superb penalty save by Hitchcock from the latter, Wimbledon were "giggling on the pitch because everything was going so well", Sanchez revealed. But the last laugh belonged, surprisingly, to Chelsea.

A scowling face was all that we saw for most of the game from Durie, whose frustration vented itself in several petulant late challenges on Beasant, until a reprimand by Scales in the shape of a half-hearted blow across the chest, prodded the referee into action with his notebook.

The scales of justice, however, were soon to be unbalanced. Young carelessly brought down Durie at pace and the Scot administered his own justice from the penalty spot. He had not scored since November, partly because of a lengthy injury. Sour of temperament he may be, but his left foot is sweet. With eight minutes remaining, he revived Chelsea's hopes of a continued first division future when he scored with a left-footed drive after some scrambled aerial activity.

WIMBLEDON: D Beasant; J Scales, T Phelan, V Ryan (sub B Gayle), E Young, A Thorn, J Gannon (sub A Clement), P Miller, D Swindlehurst, L Sanchez, D Wise.
CHELSEA: K Hitchcock; G Hall, A Dorigo, S Wicks, J McLaughlin, S Clarke, P Nevin, M Hazard, K Dixon, G Durie, J Bumstead.
Referee: D S Vickers.

Celebration

Glentoran won the Smirnoff Irish League championship for the first time since 1981 when they defeated Coleraine 2-1 at the Showgrounds to maintain their chance of winning a league and cup double — last achieved by the 1951 Glentoran side (George Ace writes).

While Morrison scored Glentoran's winner, Linfield, champions for six seasons, were given an ovation after defeating Ballymena 3-1 with McGaughey taking his season's tally to 42 with all their goals. Linfield won their last six matches to put the title in doubt until the final day.

Emley hopes founder with Codd's last gasp

By Paul Newman

Colne Dynamoes 1
Emley 0

(after extra time)

The final of the FA Vase at Wembley on Saturday was in injury time when Green tricked his way past two Colne defenders and pulled back a perfect centre from the byline. Codd, unmarked, had the goal at his mercy, but his volley flew high and wide of the target. The final whistle blew, Codd fell to the ground in anguish, and Emley's frustration was complete.

It summed up the Yorkshire side's afternoon. Emley, who had two-thirds of the support in the 15,146 crowd, had played constructive and intelligent football throughout but wasted a succession of promising attacks.

Colne, resilient in defence and effective in midfield, made fewer incursions into the penalty area than Emley but were far more effective. Once they had taken the lead six minutes into extra time, Anderson driving home Burke's cross, one sensed they would not let it slip.

COLNE DYNAMOES: K Mason; D McFadyen, C Dunn, S Westwell, S Bentley, S Whitehead (sub: M Burke), N Roscoe, S Anderson, M Wood (sub: N Coates), W Rodaway, B Diamond.
EMLEY: R Dennis; S Hirst (sub: L Burrows), S Fielding, R Mellor, S Codd, M Green, N Bramald, J Francis, T Devine, M Carmody, P Gartland (sub: D Cook).
Referee: A Seville.

Portsmouth's cruel penalty

By Nicholas Harling

Portsmouth 2
Norwich City 2

By his standards, Alan Ball was unusually reticent on Saturday. Common sense for once prevailed, although one decision late in the game at Fratton Park would have enraged the mildest-mannered individual, let alone a man as committed as the Portsmouth manager.

But Ball and Portsmouth have been in enough disputes this season. During a Press conference full of pauses, he was asked whether he had been to see the referee. "I have been fined too many times already to do that," he replied.

Ball would have been justified in asking why Phil Don, the referee, awarded Norwich the most debatable of penalties at the end of a match that Portsmouth deserved to win. It transpired that Mariner had handled Putney's corner in the 88th minute.

The shame for Portsmouth is that the penalty, dispatched by Biggins, looks like leaving them with too much ground to make on the teams above.

The problem is that they concede too many of what Ball called "bread and butter goals". Norwich, without the injured Drinkell, had mustered but a single shot when they were presented with their first goal after half an hour when Linighan, unmarked, headed in a free-kick from Goss.

The equalizer took almost as long coming. Mariner had just struck an upright when Quinn poked in Swain's short cross.

Dillon's astute reverse pass to Blake seemed to have turned the match, Mariner, with a soaring header, being the recipient. Portsmouth could do a lot worse than change their mind over giving Mariner a free transfer, even if his head, as lethal now as once it was for England, is not always in control of what his hands are doing.

PORTSMOUTH: A Gosney; K Swain, L Sandford, K Dillon, N Blake, K Ball, B Horne, C Whitehead, P Mariner, M Quinn, V Hilaire.

NORWICH CITY: B Gunn; I Culverhouse, A Spearing, A Linighan, M Phelan, I Butterworth, R Fox (sub: D Gordon), R Rosario, R Fleck (sub: W Biggins), J Goss, T Putney.

Referee: P Don.

Endeavour replaces finesse

By Dennis Signy

West Ham United 1
Coventry City 1

John Sillett, the manager of Coventry City, those outstanding escapologists of recent years, joined the mounting chorus of critics pinpointing the fact that desperation has replaced style as West Ham United cling perilously to division one, one place above the play-off position with a run of only one victory in 13 games.

"That's not the way you expect West Ham to play, is it?" Sillett said from the security of ninth position in the table.

John Lyall, the long-serving manager of West Ham, who has been at Upton Park for 30 years, admits these are "nail-biting times" for his depleted side. Already without the quality and experience of Brady, Martin and Devonshire, he lost Bonds and Rosenior to injury an hour before the kick-off.

Lyall was left to reflect on Cottee's first goal in 10 games, three outstanding saves by McAlister near half-time that kept West Ham in the game, and a rousing finish by his side, urged on by a crowd happy to accept endeavour for finesse, that might have produced victory but for a first-class save from Robson by Ogrizovic.

Robson, who has delayed an operation on his broken nose to help the cause, epitomized the fighting spirit West Ham will need at Southampton this week and in next Monday's vital home game against Chelsea.

A long clearance by Ogrizovic after 57 minutes was deflected on by Speedie for Regis to do what comes naturally, by swivelling to shoot high into the net.

There were cautions for Strobber and Parris, and boos for the appearance of Hilton in place of Ince, before Cottee took advantage of hesitancy between Ogrizovic and Peake to end his goal drought.

WEST HAM UNITED: T McAlister; G Parris, J Dicks, K Keen (sub: S Slater), G Strobber, T Gale, M Ward, A Dickens, P Ince (sub: P Hilton), T Cottee, S Robson.

COVENTRY CITY: S Ogrizovic; B Borrows, N Pickering, S Sedgley, B Kilcline, T Peake, D Emerson, D Phillips, C Regis, D Speedie, D Smith.

Referee: M James.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Yesterday

Littlewoods Cup

Final (at Wembley)

ARSENAL	(0) 2	LUTON	(1) 3	
Hayes, Smith		B Stein 2, Wilson		95,732

Barclays League

First division

Charlton	2	Newcastle	0
Derby	2	Southamptn	0
Liverpool	1	Tottenhm	0
Oxford Utd	1	Everton	1
Portsmth	2	Norwich	2
QPR	1	Sheff Wed	1
West Ham	1	Coventry	1
Wimbledon	2	Chelsea	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	35	25	9	2	79	20	84
Man Utd	36	19	12	5	61	35	69
Everton	37	19	11	7	51	24	68
QPR	38	19	9	10	47	38	66
Nottm For	35	18	10	7	58	34	64
Arsenal	37	17	10	10	52	34	61
Wimbledon	36	13	13	10	55	44	52
Sheff Wed	37	15	6	16	47	57	51
Coventry	37	12	12	13	44	52	48
Newcastle	37	11	14	12	48	50	47
Luton	33	13	6	14	48	49	45
Southmptn	37	11	12	14	45	50	45
Norwich	37	12	8	17	38	47	44
Tottenham	38	11	10	17	35	46	43
Derby Cnty	38	10	11	17	34	44	41
Chelsea	37	9	13	15	47	62	40
West Ham	37	8	15	14	34	47	39
Charlton	37	9	12	16	35	49	39
Portsmth	37	7	14	16	34	59	35
Watford	38	7	10	21	25	48	31
Oxford	37	6	13	18	40	70	31

FA Vase

Final

(at Wembley)

Emley	0	Colne Dynamoes	1
	(aet)		

GM Vauxhall Conference

Alt'cham	3	Weym'th	0
Boston	0	Nrthwich	1
Cheltnhm	2	Welling	2
Kettering	2	Lincoln	0
Kidmnstr	1	Barnet	1
Macclsfd	3	Dagenham	1
Maidstne	4	Stafford	2
Runcorn	2	Bath	1
Sutton U	2	Telford	1
Widstone	2	Fisher	1

Yesterday

ENFIELD	(0)	0	CHELTNHM (1)	1
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	40	22	11	7	90	43	77
Lincoln	39	22	9	8	81	46	75
Kettering	39	22	9	8	68	42	75
Stafford R	40	20	9	11	75	52	69
Kddrmnstr	40	18	13	9	73	64	67
Sutton Utd	40	16	17	7	74	50	65
Runcorn	39	18	11	10	62	46	65
Weymouth	39	18	9	12	51	37	63
Telford	39	18	9	12	61	48	63
Macclesfld	40	17	9	14	61	58	60
Maidstone	39	16	8	15	72	60	56
Fisher Ath	41	13	13	15	57	59	52
Cheltnham	39	11	18	10	61	61	51
Altrnchm	39	13	9	17	62	57	48
Enfield	39	13	9	17	62	76	48
Boston	38	12	6	20	51	64	42
Northwich	38	9	15	14	37	53	42
Wycombe	40	9	14	17	48	74	41
Welling Utd	39	11	7	21	49	69	40
Bath	40	8	9	23	48	78	33
Wealdstne	40	5	16	19	38	73	31
Dagenham	41	5	6	30	37	98	21

Second division

Aston Villa	1	Shrewsbury	0
Barnsley	2	Birmingham	2
Hull	4	Huddrsfld	0
Ipswich	4	Middsbro	0
Leeds	1	Oldham	1
Leicester	1	Reading	0
Man City	2	Bradford	2
Plymouth	1	C Palace	3
Sheff Utd	0	West Brom	0
Stoke	1	Swindon	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	41	23	7	11	68	48	76
Aston Villa	42	21	11	10	67	41	74
Bradford	41	21	11	9	68	49	74
Middlesbro	41	20	12	9	56	33	72
Blackburn	40	20	12	8	63	48	72
Crystal Pal	41	20	9	12	82	58	69
Leeds Utd	41	17	11	13	58	50	62
Stoke	42	17	10	15	49	54	61
Ipswich	41	17	9	15	56	47	60
Man City	41	17	8	16	73	58	59
Oldham	41	16	11	14	67	62	59
Swindon	40	16	9	15	72	58	57
Barnsley	41	15	10	16	58	56	55
Hull	41	14	13	14	53	58	55
Plymouth	40	15	8	17	61	60	53
Leicester	41	14	11	16	56	56	53
Birmnghm	41	11	14	16	41	62	47
WBA	41	12	9	20	45	62	45
Shrewsbry	41	10	14	17	38	51	44
Sheff Utd	42	12	7	23	42	72	43
Bournemth	40	10	10	20	50	64	40
Reading	41	9	10	22	41	68	37
Huddersfld	41	6	10	25	40	93	28

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Chelsea 2, Portsmouth 2; Reading 2, Queen's Park Rangers 0; Southampton 4, Luton 1; Tottenham 7, Charlton 2; Watford 3, Fulham 0.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 5, Farnborough 0; Basingstoke 1, St Albans 1; Carshalton 0, Wokingham 0; Harrow 2, Dulwich 1; Hayes 0, Bognor 1; Hendon 1, Windsor and Eton 1; Kingstonian 2, Hitchin 0; Leyton-Wingate 2, Bishop's Stortford 3; Slough 1, Bromley 0; Yeovil 3, Croydon 1. First division: Basildon 1, Boreham Wood 2; Chesham 6, Billericay 1; Grays 1, Uxbridge 1; Leatherhead 0, Marlow 1; Lewes 3, Kingsbury 3; Oxford City 3, Bracknell 0; Southwick 1, Woking 1; Staines 1, Stevenage Borough 0; Walton and Hersham 2, Worthing 2; Wembley 0, Walthamstow Avenue 1; Wolverton 1, Hampton 1. Second division south: Banstead 2, Yeading 1; Chertsey 0, Ruislip Manor 1; Eastbourne United 3, Camberley 0; Epsom and Ewell 2, Harefield 2; Feltham 2, Whyteleafe 2; Horsham 3, Egham 1; Maidenhead United 2, Flackwell Heath 2; Metropolitan Police 0, Dorking 0; Molesey 1, Chalfont St Peter 1; Newbury 0, Hungerford 1; Petersfield 2, Southall 1. Second division north: Aveley 2, Finchley 1; Barton 2, Ware 0; Berkhamsted 1, Witham 1; Haringey Borough 1, Hornchurch 1; Harlow 1, Royston 1; Hemel Hempstead 1, Tilbury 0; Hertford 1, Clapton 2; Vauxhall Motors 3, Letchworth GC 1; Wivenhoe 0, Collier Row 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Caernarfon 2, Goole 1; Chorley 4, Buxton 1; Frickley 1, Bangor City 2; Gateshead 0, Hyde 1; Matlock 2, Workington 1; Mossley 1, Barrow 1; Rhyl 0, Horwich 1; South Liverpool 0, Witton 3; Worksop 2, Southport 0. First division: Accrington Stanley 2, Radcliffe 1; Curzon Ashton 4, Netherfield 2; Droylsden 2, Eastwood Town 2; Eastwood Hanley 1, Alfreton 2; Fleetwood 0, Harrogate 3; Irlam 1, Congleton 2; Penrith 1, Farsley 1; Winsford 2, Sutton Town 0.

Third division

Blackpool	3	Grimsby	0
Bristol R	1	Port Vale	0
Chester	1	Brentford	1
Doncaster	0	Brighton	2
Fulham	3	Southend	1
Gillnghm	4	Preston	0
Mansfield	0	Bury	0
Notts Co	4	Rotherhm	0
Sunderld	0	Bristol C	1
Wigan	1	Chestrfld	2
York	2	Northptn	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderlnd	42	23	12	7	80	46	81
Notts Cnty	43	22	12	9	78	44	78
Walsall	43	22	12	9	66	46	78
Brighton	43	21	14	8	62	43	77
Northmptn	44	18	18	8	66	45	72
Wigan	43	20	12	11	69	54	72
Fulham	43	19	9	15	68	56	66
Bristol City	43	18	12	13	71	61	66
Blackpool	42	16	13	13	67	53	61
Brentford	43	16	13	14	50	54	61
Bristol R	42	16	11	15	62	54	59
Gillingham	43	14	16	13	76	57	58
Port Vale	42	16	10	16	53	52	58
Preston	43	14	12	17	45	56	54
Bury	43	13	14	16	55	55	53
Chester	43	13	14	16	48	60	53
Aldershot	43	15	6	22	63	72	51
Chesterfld	43	14	9	20	40	69	51
Mansfield	42	13	11	18	44	50	50
Rotherham	43	10	16	17	48	62	46
Southend	43	11	13	19	57	82	46
Grimsby	43	11	12	20	46	57	45
Doncaster	43	8	8	27	39	81	32
York	43	7	9	27	45	86	30

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch 1, Aylesbury 0; Ashford 0, Bedworth 0; Burton 1, VS Rugby 1; Chelmsford 1, Crawley 1; Dartford 1, Leicester United 0; Dorchester 2, Cambridge City 2; Fareham 0, Redditch 0; Gosport 4, Willenhall 2; Worcester 3, Nuneaton 2. Midland division: Atherstone 3, Grantham 0; Banbury 2, Coventry Sporting 0; Buckingham 2, Wellingborough 0; Gloucester 3, King's Lynn 1; Halesowen 2, Sutton Coldfield 1; Mile Oak 1, Forest Green 2; Moor Green 3, Dudley 0; Paget Rangers 2, Bridgnorth 0; Rushden 3, Merthyr Tydfil 1; Stourbridge 2, Bilston 0. Southern division: Andover 3, Folkestone 1; Baldock 0, Ruislip 0; Dover 3, Poole 0; Erith and Belvedere 0, Waterlooville 1; Gravesend and Northfleet 0, Burnham 3; Hastings 2, Bury 3; Salisbury 3, Chatham 0; Sheppey 1, Dunstable 0; Thanet 0, Hounslow 0; Tonbridge 2, Canterbury 0.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Blaenrhondda 1, Briton Ferry 1; Brecon 2, AFC Cardiff 1; Bridgend 2, Ebbw Vale 3; Haverfordwest 4, Pontllanfraith 1; Llanelli 3, Maesteg 2; Milford 0, Barry 3; Port Talbot 1, Cwmbran 3.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 4, Plymouth Argyle 2; Bristol City 1, Saltash 1; Chippenham 3, Exmouth 0; Frome 1, Bristol Manor Farm 1; Mangotsfield 4, Dawlish 1; Melksham 2, Bideford 0; Radstock 1, Minehead 1; Swanage and Herston 1, Liskeard 2; Torrington 3, Clandown 2.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 1, Southbank 0; Blyth 1, Spennymoor 1; Consett 1, Tow Law 4; Crook 1, Shildon 4; Easington 0, Gretna 2; Ferryhill 0, Bishop Auckland 1; North Shields 0, Whitley Bay 1; Ryhope CA 3, Guisborough 6; Whitby 4, Brandon 0.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 1, Bridlington Town 0; Belper 2, Thackley 2; Bridlington Trinity 4, Grimethorpe MW 2; Brigg 2, Harrogate Railway 1; North Ferriby 0, Long Eaton 1.

Fourth division

Bolton	6	Newport	0
Cardiff	2	Scarboro	0
Carlisle	4	Colchster	0
Darlingtn	2	Wrexham	1
Halifax	3	Hartlpool	1
Hereford	1	Cambridge	0
Peterboro	2	Exeter City	1
Rochdale	1	Leyton O	3
Scunthrpe	1	Burnley	1
Wolves	2	Swansea	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	42	24	9	9	73	38	81
Cardiff	43	21	13	9	61	40	76
Scunthorpe	43	19	15	9	72	48	72
Bolton	43	20	11	12	59	40	71
Torquay	41	19	13	9	61	36	70
Leyton O	43	18	12	13	80	59	66
Darlington	42	18	10	14	70	60	64
Burnley	42	19	7	16	53	56	64
Swansea	43	18	9	16	57	55	63
Colchester	43	18	9	16	45	47	63
Peterboro	43	18	9	16	49	52	63
Wrexham	43	18	6	19	63	54	60
Scarboro	43	16	12	15	53	46	60
Hartlepool	43	15	14	14	49	52	59
Cambridge	43	15	12	16	45	48	57
Crewe	42	13	17	12	55	48	56
Tranmere	42	17	7	18	54	50	56
Halifax	42	13	12	17	49	54	50
Stockport	43	12	14	17	43	53	50
Hereford	43	12	12	19	37	53	48
Rochdale	43	10	15	18	44	72	45
Exeter	43	10	12	21	47	64	42
Carlisle	42	11	7	24	54	82	40
Newport	42	5	7	30	32	98	22

● Tranmere deducted two points and Halifax one point by League.

NORTHUMBERLAND SENIOR CUP: Final: Newcastle Blue Star 1, Newcastle United Reserves 0 (at St James' Park).

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Norwich 0, West Ham 0; Southend 0, Watford 3; Tottenham 10, Portsmouth 0. Second division: Bristol Rovers 1, Tottenham 1; Luton 1, Northampton 4; Southampton 1, Reading 0.

Yesterday

GM Acceptance Cup

Semi-final

MORECMBE (1)	1	WEYMOUTH (1)	2	
Edwards		Stimpson og		
974		Claridge		

FRENCH CUP: Third round, second leg: Auxerre 2, Lille 1 (2-2, Lille win on away goal); Nice 1, Toulouse 1 (2-2, Nice win on penalties); Sochaux 1, Montpellier 0 (Sochaux win 3-2 on aggregate); Le Havre 1, Reims 0 (Le Havre win 3-0 on aggregate); Lens 1, Sete 0 (Lens win 1-0 on aggregate); Quimper 2, La Roche 2 (Quimper win 5-3 on aggrgate); Creteil 0, Chatellerault 0 (0-0, Chatellerault win on penalties); Mulhouse 0, Metz 2 (Metz win 3-0 on aggregate).

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Avellino 1, Pisa 0; Cesena 1, Empoli 1; Fiorentina 1, Ascoli 0; Milan 2, Internazionale 0; Pescara 0, Roma 0; Sampdoria 2, Juventus 2; Torino 1, Como 1; Verona 1, Napoli 1. Leading positions: 1, Napoli played 27, 42pts; 2, AC Milan 27, 41; 3, AS Roma, 27, 34.

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Bayer Leverkusen 0, Bochum 0; FC Homburg 3, Schalke 1; Borussia Mönchengladbach 0, Cologne 1; Hamburg SV 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 2; Stuttgart 1, Bayer Uerdingen 3; Bayern Munich 2, Karlsruhe 1; Waldhof Mannheim 2, Hanover 1; Nuremberg 0, Werder Bremen 0; Borussia Dortmund 3, Kaiserslautern 0. Leading positions: 1, Werder Bremen, played 29, 46pts; 2, Bayern Munich, 29, 41; 3, FC Cologne, 29, 41.

Fine Fare Scottish League

Premier division

Aberdeen	0	Hearts	0
Celtic	3	Dundee	0
Dundee Utd	2	Dunfermline	2
Falkirk	4	Morton	1
Hibernian	1	Mthrwell	1
S Mirren	0	Rangers	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	42	29	10	3	77	23	68
Hearts	42	23	15	4	74	31	61
Rangers	42	25	8	9	80	33	58
Aberdeen	41	20	16	5	55	23	56
Dundee Utd	41	14	14	13	48	46	42
Dundee	42	17	6	19	70	63	40
Hibernian	41	10	18	13	36	41	38
Motherwell	42	13	9	20	37	55	35
St Mirren	42	8	15	19	39	64	31
Falkirk	41	9	11	21	39	68	29
Dunfrmline	42	8	10	24	41	82	26
Morton	42	3	10	29	26	93	16

First division

Dumbarton	0	East Fife	0
Hamilton	0	Forfar	1
Kilmarnock	4	Airdrie	1
Meadowbnk	0	Clyde	1
Partick	0	Qn of South	3
Raith Rov	2	Clydebank	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamilton	42	22	11	9	65	35	55
Meadowbk	42	20	11	11	67	46	51
Clydebank	42	20	6	16	55	59	46
Forfar	42	14	16	12	63	58	44
Raith R	42	18	7	17	77	71	43
Airdrie	42	15	13	14	64	65	43
Partick	42	16	9	17	60	62	41
Queen Sth	42	13	15	14	52	62	41
Clyde	42	17	6	19	72	72	40
Kilmarnck	42	12	11	19	53	57	35
East Fife	42	12	9	21	57	74	33
Dumbarton	42	10	12	20	44	68	32

Second division

Albion Rov	1	Alloa	2
Ayr	0	E Stirling	0
Cowdenbth	3	Berwick	0
Montrose	1	Queens Pk	2
S Johnstne	2	Brechin	0
Stirling Alb	2	Arbroath	0
Stranraer	2	Stenhsemr	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ayr Utd	37	27	7	3	94	28	61
St Johnstne	37	24	8	5	71	23	56
Queen's Park	37	19	9	9	58	42	47
Brechin	37	19	7	11	53	38	45
Stirling A	37	17	9	11	57	50	43
Alloa	37	16	7	14	49	44	39
E Stirling	37	13	13	11	47	45	39
Montrose	37	12	11	14	42	46	35
Arbroath	37	10	13	14	54	62	33
Stenhsmur	37	11	9	17	47	56	31
Cowdenbth	37	9	12	16	49	65	30
Albion R	37	9	11	17	42	72	29
Stranraer	37	4	8	25	33	78	16
Berwick	37	5	4	28	27	74	14

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor 3, Glenavon 0; Coleraine 1, Glentoran 2; Larne 1, Crusaders 2; Linfield 3, Ballymena 1; Newry 3, Carrick 1; Portadown 2, Ards 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Glentoran	26	19	5	2	48	15	62
Linfield	26	19	3	4	51	15	60
Coleraine	26	16	4	6	53	28	52
Newry Town	26	15	5	6	34	22	50
Larne	26	12	4	10	35	35	40
Glenavon	26	11	5	10	26	27	38
Ballymena Utd	26	9	9	8	34	34	36
Portadown	26	10	5	11	31	27	35
Crusaders	26	8	6	12	29	35	30
Cliftonville	26	6	8	12	18	38	26
Ards	26	6	7	13	29	38	25
Bangor	26	7	4	15	24	47	25
Carrick R	26	5	5	16	25	44	20
Distillery	26	3	2	21	19	53	11

Yesterday

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Sligo 1, Derry City 7.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City 1, Gainsborough 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford 3, Burton 2; Fareham 2, Corby 1.

POOLS CHECK

1	1	1	●3	●3	●3	●3	●3	1	●3	1	1	●3	1	●3	1½	2	1	1	1	●3	1½	1	1	2	1	1½	1½	●3
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

1	1	1	1	1	1	1½	●3	1	1	1½	1	1	2	1	●3	1	●3	1½	2	1½	1	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1	1½
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58

DETAILS FROM THE WEEKEND RUGBY MATCHES

DIGITAL MILLENIUM CHALLENGE

Ireland	10	England	21
	(at Lansdowne Road)		

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

First division

Coventry	25	Bristol	3

Coventry: Tries: Hall, Graham, Thomas, Parton. Cons: Potter (3). Pen: Potter. Bristol: Pen: Tainton.

Harlequins	66	Sale	0

Harlequins: Tries: Thompson, Bell, Harriman (3), Thresher (2), Cramb, Davis (2), Salmon, Butcher. Cons: Thresher (6), Salmon (3).

Wasps	23	Orrell	15

Wasps: Tries: Bailey, Rose. Pens: Stringer (5). Orrell: Try: Ainscough. Con: Langford. Pens: Ainscough (2), Langford.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	10	9	0	1	225	133	37
Wasps	11	8	1	2	218	136	35
Gloucester	10	6	1	3	206	121	29
Harlequins	10	5	1	4	233	106	26
Bath	10	5	1	4	151	139	26
Nottingham	11	4	1	6	146	170	24
Orrell	10	4	1	5	168	142	23
Bristol	9	4	1	4	149	117	22
Moseley	10	4	0	6	140	167	22
Waterloo	9	4	0	5	120	181	21
Coventry	10	3	1	6	128	222	20
Sale	10	0	0	10	78	328	10

CLUB MATCHES

Aberavon	44	Cross Keys	6
Abertillery	27	Swansea	18
Bath	35	Bedford	7
Birmingham	13	New Brighton	15
Cardiff	38	Rosslyn Park	22
Harrogate	42	Huddersfield	8
Headingley	41	Fylde	7
Leicester	41	Moseley	3
Llanelli	60	Gloucester	12
Maesteg	7	Pontypridd	13
Middlesbrough	11	Northern	30
Neath	40	Comb Svcs Pol	8
Newbridge	60	S Wales Police	21
Nottingham	88	Birkenhead Pk	0
Rugby	33	Vale of Lune	13
Torquay	10	Penarth	17
Wakefield	38	W of Scotland	15
Waterloo	9	Pontypool	22

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: England Colts 15, France Juniors 24 (at Bristol); Scotland under-21 13, Wales under-21 20 (at Murrayfield).

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Tandem Computers Seven Counties Merit Table: Oxford 29, Upper Clapton 9; Woodford 15, Streatham-Croydon 16. Bisley Office Equipment Southern Merit Table: Henley 13, Maidenhead 15. Eastern Counties Cup: Final: Sudbury 12, North Walsham 0. Foster Beard Middlesex Merit Table: Hendon 6, Sudbury Court 25. Club matches: Ashford 0, Charlton Park 24; Barking 26, Cambridge 16; Bishop's Stortford 13, Saracens Crusaders 14; Bletchley 32, Beaconsfield 0; Cheshunt 60, Royston 8; Chichester 26, Isle of Wight 7; Diss 15, Wymondham 17; Farnham 6, Dorking 26; Folkestone 14, Park House 7; Fullerians 15, Old Elizabethans 7; Greenwich 14, Dartfordians II 13; Grove 17, Aldermaston 12; Harlow 34, Chelmsford 7; Medway 39, Old Gravesendians 0; New Ash Green 14, PLA 4; Old Millhillians 17, Old Gaytonians 29; Osterley 4, Basingstoke 51; Oxford Marathon 20, Pennanians 9; Oxford Nomads 3, Buckingham 28; Redbridge 7, Hackney 15; Reigate and Redhill 26, Chipstead 4; Ruislip 11, Reading 19; St Albans 12, Harpenden 20; Salisbury 15, Eastleigh 7; Sutton and Epsom 28, Brighton 6; Uxbridge 30, Redingensians 0; Welwyn 9, Letchworth 3; Woodbridge 29, Ely 9.

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Yorkshire: Second division: Sheffield Tigers 18, Ilkley 3.

Second division

Gosforth	12	London Welsh	14

Gosforth: Pens: Johnson (3). Dropped goal: Johnson. London Welsh: Tries: Humphries, Evans, Griffiths. Pen: Humphries.

Saracens	34	London Scottish	0

Saracens: Tries: Wood, Lindly, Catchpole, Steadman, McLagen (2). Cons: Holmes (5).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rosslyn Pk	11	8	2	1	155	83	37
Lpool St H	10	8	1	1	129	64	35
Saracens	11	7	2	2	228	86	34
Headingley	11	6	2	3	202	104	31
Richmond	11	6	0	5	140	156	29
Bedford	10	5	2	3	119	114	27
L Scottish	11	4	1	6	141	158	24
L Irish	11	4	1	6	120	177	24
L Welsh	11	3	2	6	153	185	22
Gosforth	10	2	1	7	99	129	17
Blackheath	11	2	0	9	102	187	17
Northampton	10	1	0	9	81	226	13

● Gosforth deducted three points and one win for fielding ineligible player.

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Aston Old Edwardians 30, Edwardians 0; Barker's Butts 43, Long Buckby 24; Belgrave 3, Wellingborough 9; Birmingham Welsh 12, Shipston 21; Boston 10, Amber Valley 10; Broad Street 30, Lanchester Polytechnic 7; Bromsgrove 30, Old Leamingtonians 6; Cheltenham 42, Stafford 6; Cinderford 11, Hereford 14; Coalville 20, Loughborough 0; Daventry 12, GEC Coventry 10; Derby 10, Burton 10; Dixonians 17, Bridgnorth 10; Handsworth 4, Five Ways 23; Kenilworth 40, Kidderminster Carolians 4; Keresley 15, Stoke Old Boys 10; Kettering 24, Camp Hill 10; Kings Norton 22, Old Saltleians 6; Kynoch 10, Droitwich 25; Leamington 7, Gordon League 28; Mansfield 47, Retford 3; Moderns 50, Oadby Wyggestonians 0; Newbold 19, Wolverhampton 3; Newport (Salop) 0, Newcastle 17; Old Coventrians 45, Old Warwickians 4; Old Laurentians 16, Northampton Old Scouts 21; Old Longtonians 15, Veseyans 14; Old Moseleians 0, Silhillians 23; Old Newtonians 12, Aylestonians 3; Nuneaton Old Edwardians 19, Manor Park 6; Pavlors 4, Vipers 4; Peterborough 21, Westcombe Park 18; Shrewsbury 30, Caldy 19; Southwell 9, Lutterworth 26; Stoke on Trent 24, Chester 6; Stoneygate 20, Sutton Coldfield 15; Stourbridge 10, Hinckley 4; Stratford 43, Old Halesonians 0; Syston 26, Aylestone St James 6; Trinity Guild 18, Saracens 0; Walsall 25, Dudley Kingswinford 3; Wigston 10, Westleigh 24; Woodrush 14, Coventrians 6; Worcester 33, Davenport 4.

Third division

Exeter	12	Sheffield	12
Plymouth	45	Maidstone	11
W Hartlepool	37	Nuneaton	14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wakefield	11	10	0	1	308	90	41
W Hartlepool	11	10	0	1	249	105	41
Plymouth	11	8	0	3	276	125	35
Sheffield	11	7	1	3	134	161	33
Vale of Lune	11	7	0	4	183	149	32
Fylde	11	6	0	5	289	170	29
Met Police	11	5	0	6	130	128	26
Maidstone	11	4	0	7	134	162	23
Exeter	11	3	2	6	128	197	22
Nuneaton	11	2	1	8	94	157	18
Morley	11	1	1	9	109	235	15
Birmingham	11	0	1	10	46	381	12

NORTH: Club matches: Acklam 63, Morpeth 9; Ashington 4, Blaydon 34; Baildon 9, Bradford and Bingley Barbarians 32; Barnsley 7, West Park Bramhope 0; Calder Vale 14, Cleckheaton 0; Cleckheaton 12, Huddersfield YMCA 14; Darlington 9, Ryton 16; Doncaster 15, Lincoln 13; Eccles 0, Old Salians 7; Gateshead Fell 28, Alnwick 10; Grimsby 3, Marist 18; Hartlepool Rovers 19, Westoe 16; Hessle 10, Leeds CSSA 17; Hullensians 41, Hornsea 4; Ionians 8, Bridlington 28; Kirkby Lonsdale 12, Rochdale 9; Knottingley 3, Hemsworth 18; Lichfield 9, Winnington Park 41; Malton and Norton 11, Pocklington 21; Manchester 18, Tyldesley 10; Morley 18, Pontefract 6; Mowden Park 6, Novocastrians 23; Old Brodleians 34, Warrington 7; Oldham 8, Aspull 6; Old Hymerians 22, Market Rasen 0; Old Modernians 10, Leodiensians 3; Old Otliensians 10, Old Rishworthians 9; Ponteland 3, Seghill 11; Ripon 20, Keighley 14; Rockcliff 3, Newport 30; Roundhay 16, Rotherham 6; Sandal 11, Otley 10; Scarborough 13, Northallerton 18; Selby 10, Chesterfield 4; Stockton 15, Penrith 0; Sunderland 39, Percy Park 9; Wath-on-Dearne 30, Airebronians 7; West Leeds 3, Bramley 27; West Park 16, Crossleyans 25; Wharfedale 18, Davenport 4; Wheatley Hills 23, York RI 12; Wigan 9, Widnes 0; Wigton 10, Lymm 10; Wilmslow 15, Hull and East Riding 24; Yarnbury 10, Skipton 9; York 62, North Ribblesdale 0.

SOUTH WEST: Club matches: Barnstaple 24, Taunton 8; Bideford 35, Teignmouth 13; Brixham 39, Tiverton 10; Crediton 14, Newquay Hornets 10; Exmouth 42, Wellington 0; Falmouth 0, Redruth 58; Honiton 13, Penzance-Newlyn 14; Okehampton 20, Sidmouth 36; Penryn 24, Devon and Cornwall Police 6; Truro 42, St Austell 3.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League
Second division
Blackburn v Swindon

Third division
P Vale v Wigan

Fourth division
Tranmere v Crewe

GM Vauxhall Conference
Kidderminster v Northwich

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Nottingham Forest v Blackpool. Second division: Barnsley v Bolton; Darlington v Oldham; Preston v York; Rotherham v Doncaster; Stoke v West Bromwich.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Arsenal v Millwall (3.0).

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor v Basingstoke. Second division north: Haringey Borough v Harlow (at Harlow, 7.45).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: League Cup: Final: Barrow v Goole (at Manchester City FC).

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance Championship
(Four days)

11.0 to 6.0 (or 102 overs)
DERBY: Derbyshire v Leicestershire.
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Kent.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Worcestershire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Nottinghamshire.
HOVE: Sussex v Somerset.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Manchester v Newport *(7.0)*.

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Embassy world professional championships (at Sheffield).
SPEEDWAY: England v Sweden (at Reading). British League: Wolverhampton v Sheffield. National League: Exeter v Hackney.

SPORT ON TV

SNOOKER: BBC1 11.0 a.m.-1.0 p.m., 1.50-3.05 p.m. BBC2: 3-5.20, 6-7, 9-9.50 and 11.30 p.m.: Embassy world professional championship: Coverage of the second round from Sheffield.
SPORTSWORLD EXTRA: ITV 1.10 a.m. (tomorrow): Tennis: Buick WCT tournament: Boris Becker v Stefan Edberg in the final from Dallas. *Football:* European round-up.

British board challenges the IAAF's authority

By Pat Butcher
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The "family quarrel" between the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) and the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) over Zola Budd intensified yesterday. But a schism is now unlikely after it became clear that the IAAF had modified its statement of last week which threatened to suspend the BAAB and all British athletes if Budd was not banned for one year.

But that concession did not prevent the BAAB from issuing the strongest challenge to the IAAF's authority following the board's council meeting in London yesterday morning. For, not only did it not ban Budd, but the BAAB council first questioned the IAAF's interpretation of its own rules regarding Budd's eligibility. Then the BAAB said that the committee which was to be set up to make its own investigation of Budd's eligibility would not report back until May 21, a week outside the deadline which the IAAF originally gave the board.

Permeating the whole affair is the confusion over interpretation of IAAF rule 53(i), relating to "taking part". Until last weekend, when the IAAF decided otherwise, "taking part" in an athletics meeting (in this case, the one which Budd attended in Brakpan, South Africa last June) was construed as "competing". The IAAF decided last week, that "taking part" also covered turning up in a tracksuit, being feted by the crowd, and running round, encouraging friends in a race, none of which Budd denies. And Charles Woodhouse, the BAAB legal adviser, conceded yesterday that the board accepted that there was a difference between "taking part" and "competing".

The problem with this intepretation for Budd is that the meeting in Brakpan was organized by the South African Amateur Athletic Union, which is suspended by the IAAF, because of the South African government's apartheid policies. Hence the question of Budd's eligibility to compete against other athletes worldwide, after she had been "tainted" by "contact" with South African athletes.

This is all a device to preclude Budd from potential Olympic participation (or "taking part") thus provoking an African boycott, because of Budd's South African connections, which she has been unwise enough to maintain over the four years since obtaining a British passport.

However, it is that broader IAAF interpretation which the BAAB council effectively challenged yesterday, in the most crucial of a six paragraph statement: "The BAAB Council was concerned that the IAAF Council resolution of 16 April, 1988, recommending the BAAB to consider a 12-month suspension should have been made without the IAAF being in a position fairly and properly to reach a conclusion on Miss Budd's eligibility".

This means that the BAAB not only disagrees with the IAAF interpretation of "eligibility"; it does not think the IAAF was in in a position even to make any interpretation of Budd's eligibility. The top table of Ewan Murray, the BAAB chairman, Mike Farrell, the general secretary of the Amateur Athletic Association (which controls the BAAB), Tony Ward, the BAAB's spokesman, and Charles Woodhouse, the BAAB's legal adviser,declined to comment further on that point.

But there was an interesting aside from David Bedford in the body of the hall afterwards. Bedford, another BAABcouncil member, said that the board had received conflicting legal advice on "taking part", one which agreed with the IAAF interpretation, and one which rejected it.

Another item to confound evryone, not least the BAAB, was the discovery that the IAAF had withdrawn its threat to suspend the board last Tuesday in an amended document. But BAABofficals did not notice until Friday, which tells you much you need to know about the officals.

John Bryant, Budd's coach, had a reserved welcome for the committee of inquiry (three people, yet to be named). Bryant said: "Any inquiry that is going to get at the truth, we welcome. It's better than a cave-in. But we have already attended two board inquiries." Bryant also said that they would be happy to comply with a BAAB request that Budd does not compete in the interim.

This Dickensian saga - barefoot waif, pots of money, wicked uncles, political pressure, dubious legislation, legal actions, all serialised daily - is only lacking a happy outcome (and, perhaps an avid public). And it is not in sight yet. As the prophet said, this one will run and run.

Richard Chipps, the official who was in charge of the Brakpan meeting at the centre of the Zola Budd affair, reiterated yesterday that she had not taken part in any of the races there on June 26 last year (Michael Hornsby writes from Johannesburg).

"I can assure you 200 per cent that she did not run in any race," Chipps, the chairman of the Transvaal Cross-Country Association, said. "If she had done so, it would have been excellent publicity for us and I would have been only too glad to make use of it."

The organizer of the meeting, Harry Steenkamp, the chairman of Brakpan Athletics Club, supported the stance. "Early in the morning, I was checking the course and saw her sitting near a dam, which the course ran past. Later I saw her sitting on the grass near a hot-dog stand with other spectators.

"I did not see her jogging. She definitely did not take part in any race. It was a league meeting and you had to be a registered member of a club to take part. You could not compete as an individual."

Luton lift Cup with last-second winner

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Luton Town 3
Arsenal 2

Luton Town, the little club that plays on a wall-to-wall carpet and refuses to accommodate visiting supporters, yesterday won the Littlewoods Cup in a match as unpredictably dramatic as the FA Cup Final of 1979. Then, it was Arsenal who emerged victorious against Manchester United. Nine years on, in a similar climax, the same team was left defeated.

Were there no UEFA ban on English clubs taking part in European competitions, Luton's victory would send them on their way into next season's European Cup Winners' Cup. Yet even if the ban is to be lifted — UEFA's decision is to be announced at the end of the European Championships in June — Luton could well find their invitation withdrawn. UEFA is unlikely to allow Continental ties to be staged on Kenilworth Road's artificial surface.

Wembley has become Luton's temporary home, anyway. A month ago they took part in the Simod Cup final and disintegrated embarrassingly during a 4-1 defeat by Reading. Last week they returned to the national stadium, albeit for a mere 40 minutes, to compete in the League's centenary festival.

Yesterday they came back for a final in which they were regarded as the underdogs. Like Coventry City and Arsenal themselves last season and Reading, they overcame the odds, a disturbing sequence of injuries and a dispiriting run of form to claim the first trophy in their history.

Having won only three fixtures on natural grass this season, Luton's enterprise throughout the opening hour was unexpected. The character they showed within the closing seven minutes was even more so. Their overall contribution to a glorious and sunlit afternoon was a credit to their manager, Ray Harford.

He had gambled on the health of several players and also on his formation. Having lost McDonough through injury in training, he selected Hill and Preece, who had reemerged from an enforced winter's hibernation, and Black, aged 19, a winger of limited experience, much to the disappointment of the younger of the Stein brothers, Mark.

The elder, Brian, lifted Luton out of their apparent problems in the thirteenth minute. Stealing in behind a momentarily frozen Caesar, Stein swept in Foster's delicate flick and Arsenal, as in last year's final against Liverpool, found themselves behind. The favourites and holders should have been in deeper trouble.

Arsenal's midfield engine was running but they were unable to find a gear. Luton, restricting them to a stall throughout the first half, flourished again immediately after the interval. Lukic's save from Brian Stein's header then was astonishing and later seemed to have been a significant turning point.

Arsenal, inspired a year ago by the belated introduction of Groves, were similarly lifted by the arrival of Hayes. Injecting a sense of urgency into their timidity, he was the central figure in a dozen minutes that seemingly utterly transformed the game in the most explosive and unforeseen fashion.

His initial feat was to clear up an untidy mess to equalize. Foster and Donaghy, a pair of colossi in Luton's resistance, suddenly collapsed and all of their admirable work was almost instantly undone. After Mick Harford had retired, Foster failed to complete a clearance and Thomas invited Smith to put Arsenal ahead.

Hidden for so long, Arsenal were now irresistibly rampant. Dibble touched Smith's header against the bar and Hayes, from little more than a yard, nudged the rebound against a post. Seconds later Luton's goalkeeper tipped over another header from Hayes, blocked Smith's threatening break and then completed his act as his side's saviour.

After Donaghy had been harshly adjudged to have brought Rocastle down, Dibble parried Winterburn's penalty. "I'd gone the wrong way for the two kicks in our last two games," he was to say later. "This time I guessed right. It is a dream come true." He has the sponsor's man of the match award as a memento.

His colleagues were to add a winner's medal to the collection. The impetuous Caesar, O'Leary's understudy, committed another costly error in the 83rd minute and Wilson nodded in Black's cross. The possibility of victory, which had been ripped out of Luton's imagination, appeared to be a genuine prospect.

Within the last seconds it became reality. Grimes, another substitute, escaped from Richardson on the right and drove in a cross with his left foot. Brian Stein accelerated towards the bank of Luton's supporters and urged them to rise off their seats as he prodded in the most dramatic of winners.

Harford thought that Luton had lost the match when Arsenal, leading 2-1, were awarded a penalty nine minutes from time. "At that point I thought we were dead and buried," Harford said.

LUTON TOWN: A Dibble; T Breacker, R Johnson, R Hill, S Foster, M Donaghy, D Wilson, B Stein, M Harford (sub: M Stein), D Preece (sub: A Grimes), K Black.
ARSENAL: J Lukic; N Winterburn, K Sansom, M Thomas, G Caesar, A Adams, D Rocastle, P Davis, A Smith, P Groves (sub: M Hayes), K Richardson.
Referee: J Worrall.

Newcomer Black earns international call-up

Kingsley Black, the Luton Town winger, who made his full debut for the Bedfordshire club yesterday, completed a fairytale day with an international call-up.

The Northern Ireland manager, Billy Bingham, watched Black's performance at home on television and instantly claimed him for the friendly international against France in Belfast on Wednesday.

Black, aged 19, who qualifies because his father is from Belfast, had no hesitation in accepting, despite the fact that he has already played for England schoolboys. "You've got to take any opportunity you get," Black said after the Luton manager, Ray Harford, broke the news to him.

"I can't believe it — only a few weeks ago all my thoughts were centred around Luton's reserves. First the final, now this — my dad will be so happy."

Bingham, alerted to Black's potential by Mal Donaghy, himself a Northern Ireland international, has tracked the 19-year-old's progress for some months but wanted to see how he performed under big match pressure before selecting him.

Black replaces David McCreery, the Newcastle United midfield player, who withdrew from the squad due to a chest complaint.

Brothers in arms: Brian Stein (left) and Mark celebrate (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Victory in sight for redoubtable Griffiths

By Steve Acteson

Terry Griffiths was moving towards a first victory as a professional over Willie Thorne by taking a 9-7 lead at the end of the second session of their Embassy world snooker championship second round match in Sheffield yesterday.

Griffiths took a 6-4 lead by winning the first two frames yesterday. In the second of these, Thorne ended his break at 48 by going in-off the black and Griffiths took advantage with a break of 61.

Thorne cleared from the penultimate red with a run of 43 in the next game but Griffiths won frame 12 with a respotted black. Breaks of 44 from Thorne, and 80 by Griffiths, took the score to 8-6. Griffiths then took a three-frame lead for the first time but a clearance of 54 from Thorne kept his hopes alive. Griffiths won the title on his debut in 1979. Thorne has reached the quarter-finals only twice.

John Parrott made a nervous start against Cliff Thorburn, the 1980 champion, from Canada. Parrott has lost his winning touch since narrowly failing to beat Davis in January's Mercantile final and Thorburn won the first three frames.

A break of 99 and then a clearance of 39 brought Parrott to 3-2 but he fell 5-2 behind despite a break of 53 in frame seven when he gave away 12 points in fouls before. Parrott won the last frame of the session with a break of 54.

Jimmy White, Tony Drago and Steve James provided the highlights on Saturday.

White, the world No. 2, from London, recovered from being 10-7 down to overcome Stephen Hendry, aged 19, the Scottish champion, with a break of 86 in the 25th and deciding frame.

The afternoon brought Steve James, of Cannock, the World No. 67, to the table and, having beaten twelfth-seeded Rex Williams in round one, he set about Joe Johnson, the 1986 champion, leading 7-1 after the first session and scoring a break of 112 in the eighth frame.

Drago, aged 22, from Malta, completed a 13-5 victory over Dennis Taylor, the 1985 champion, from Northern Ireland, to earn a quarter-final with Steve Davis.

It will be their first meeting since Drago squandered a chance to win in the quarter-final of the 1986 United Kingdom championship.

A victory over White, the defending champion, in the Rothman's Grand Prix this season, has restored his confidence: "I'm obviously the underdog against Steve but I'm looking forward to winning the tournament," he said.

Taylor believes that White's victory over Hendry will lead to his first championship: "If it hasn't taken too much out of him, I believe he will win the title now. Steve Davis is playing superb snooker but I honestly think that this will be Jimmy's year."

Sheffield details

SECOND ROUND (Saturday): J White (Eng) bt S Hendry (Scot), 13-12. Frame scores (White first): 1-80, 80-11, 80-23, 80-27, 45-82, 80-39, 75-36, 21-64, 70-39, 17-97, 1-107, 0-136, 13-107, 52-59, 0-101, 78-0, 71-75, 68-8, 65-10, 93-1, 84-20, 12-113, 97-0, 49-65, 87-12. A Knowles (Eng) bt E Charlton (Aus), 13-7. Frame scores (Knowles first): 43-72, 39-66, 73-54, 72-41, 92-1, 68-58, 71-32, 52-42, 80-53, 65-64, 23-64, 80-16, 62-54, 78-15, 57-71, 77-24, 42-62, 35-56, 48-79, 80-37. A Drago (Malta) bt D Taylor (N Ire), 13-5. Frame scores: (Taylor first), 73-43, 2-102, 5-88, 62-32, 63-2, 38-75, 32-70, 46-54, 26-71, 24-81, 76-0, 22-73, 26-89, 57-65, 65-60, 38-62, 47-70, 20-59. S James (Eng) leads J Johnson (Eng), 7-1. Frame scores (Johnson first): 32-77, 19-66, 23-94, 26-73, 0-81, 4-56, 99-8, 0-112. (Sunday): T Griffiths (Wales) leads W Thorne (Eng), 9-7. Frame scores (Griffiths first): 14-77, 80-25, 0-114, 63-41, 98-25, 94-5, 0-86, 27-67, 61-28, 69-48, 53-64, 62-55, 45-76, 83-2, 74-38, 44-84. C Thorburn (Can) leads J Parrott (Eng), 5-3. Frame scores (Thorburn first): 104-20, 60-58, 68-19, 1-99, 53-56, 91-1, 68-53, 41-71.

ORDER OF PLAY: Second round: 10.30 a.m.: J Johnson (Eng) v S James (Eng), to finish; N Foulds (Eng) v D Mountjoy (Wales), second session. 3 p.m.: J Parrott (Eng) v C Thorburn (Can), second session; W Thorne (Eng) v T Griffiths (Wales), to finish. 7.30 p.m.: Parrott v Thorburn, to finish; Foulds v Mountjoy, to finish.

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Robson finds England defence in total disarray

By Stuart Jones

England will fly to Hungary this afternoon without Barnes, the players' player of the year, and with a defence that has already been dismantled. All four of the recognized central defenders in Bobby Robson's squad have either been injured or have suffered an ignominious experience over the weekend.

Wright, the most experienced member of the quartet, pulled a hamstring on Saturday during Derby County's fixture against his former club and has already been withdrawn. Watson, recently a consistent figure in Robson's line-up, reported to Goodison Park for treatment after Everton's draw at Oxford United.

The confidence of the other two choices has been wounded. Adams, the young captain of Arsenal collected a loser's medal at the end of the Littlewoods Cup final at Wembley yesterday after his side had conceded two goals in the closing seven minutes against Luton Town.

Pallister, who has yet to win an international cap, was involved in an even heavier defeat inflicted on Middlesbrough at Portman Road. Worse still, the defender was considered to be directly responsible for the errors which led to Ipswich Town's opening two goals.

Robson had included an extra forward in his party in case either Barnes, still troubled by a groin strain, or Waddle dropped out. Now he may consider selecting his captain and namesake Bryan, in the back four in Budapest on Wednesday, a move which he admitted last week he would not make "by choice".

● Stuart McCall, the Bradford captain, has been surprisingly called up by Scotland for Wednesday's friendly international against Spain in Madrid. Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, watched McCall play in Bradford's 2-2 draw with Manchester City — then gave the him his first taste of life with the senior Scottish squad.

Roxburgh learned yesterday that two of his midfield players, Simpson, of Aberdeen, and McInally, of Dundee United, will be missing because of injuries, but McCall comes in to fill that gap. "He is a good attacking midfield player who can pass the ball and we will see how he shapes up over the next couple of days," Roxburgh said.

Sharp, the Everton forward, reduced Roxburgh's goalscoring options by pulling out with a recurrence of a groin injury he suffered while playing for Scotland in Malta

● England's match against Hungary in Budapest on Wednesday will be shown live on ITV. Kick-off is 4 p.m.

Lacrosse hit

Six goals by their captain, Julian Sandy, and four by Simon Tarpey enabled Hampstead to complete a 15-8 victory over Bath in the senior men's Lacrosse Flag final at Enfield on Saturday. Hampstead now play Mellor for the Iroquois Cup.

Rendall joins the list of doubtful tourists

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Paul Rendall, the Wasps loose-head prop, was added at the weekend to the doubtful starters for England's Rugby Union tour of Australia. He tore a calf muscle just below the left knee during Saturday's game against Ireland in Dublin and has only a fortnight in which to indicate his recovery.

Carling, the Harlequins centre, should know today whether the University of Durham authorities will permit him to delay examinations to tour while Harrison, of Wakefield, is recovering from a foot injury.

Leon Walkden, the Rugby Football Union doctor, said of Rendall yesterday: "It could be worse but in terms of the tour, time is pressing." The situation will be reviewed later this week, with Linnett (Moseley) a possible replacement should Rendall be forced to withdraw.

Skinner, the Harlequins flanker, returned from Dublin with a broken nose, which would make it inadvisable for him to play for his club against Bristol in the John Player Special Cup final this Saturday.

Anderson, the Dungannon lock capped 21 times, will lead Ireland on their four-match tour to France next May, taking over from Irwin, his injured Ulster colleague. Irwin's playing place is taken by Barry (Garryowen), last season's Irish Schools stand-off half who is still at school, and Galwey (Shannon) comes in as a lock or No. 8 for the unavailable Spring.

Welsh win

The Wales under-21 team beat their Scottish counterparts 20-13 at Murrayfield on Saturday. Wintle, Williams and Griffiths scored the Welsh tries. Scotland's only try was scored by Stanger. The main differences between the sides were in confidence and the ability to take chances and in both these departments the visitors were well ahead.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Kelly will appeal

Sean Kelly, ranked as the world's top cyclist, will appeal against any sentence imposed on him if a drug test taken earlier this month in the Tour of the Basque country is confirmed as positive.

The leak which suggested the test was positive came from a high Spanish source, but Kelly insists that he has not knowingly taken a proscribed substance, in this case, Codein. In two months Kelly has had a minimum of 20 drug tests and all before this allegation proved negative.

Brown win

Simon Brown stopped his fellow-American, Tyrone Trice, in the 14th round at Berck, France, on Saturday to win the vacant International Boxing Federation (IBF) welterweight title. A day later Leo Gamez, of Venezuela, retained his World Boxing Association minimumweight title with a technical knockout over his Japanese challenger, Kenji Yokozawa.

Kelly: innocence claim

Clarke boost

David Clarke, the reigning English cross-country champion who was forced to miss last week's London Marathon because of Achilles tendon problems, left hospital yesterday after operations on both legs.

Smith again

Trevor Smith, the Oxfordshire engineer, scored his second national motor rally championship victory in three attempts when he won the Granite City rally in Scotland yesterday.

Sea rescue

The American lone yachtswoman entered in the Carlsberg singlehanded transatlantic race, Jill Watkins, was rescued by the US Navy after spending two days clinging to her upturned trimaran.

Brands post

Mary Foulston has been appointed chairman of Brands Hatch Leisure plc in succession to John Tompkins who has stepped down because of increasing business pressures.

Short game

Algiers (AFP) — An Algerian league match between Mouloudia, of Oran, and Relizane, which came to an abrupt halt after two minutes when a penalty was awarded against Relizane, could be the shortest on record.

Losing streak

Kansas City (AFP) — The Baltimore Orioles lost their 16th consecutive game on Friday night when they were beaten 13-1 by Kansas City

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